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The Prime Minister announced yesterday that more than 300 Libyan student engineers and pilots would be expected to leave Britain after new government directions to ban all practical training work on aircraft...



Clenched-fist salutes for Colonel Gaddafi as expelled Libyans walk to the plane for Tripoli.

Deported Libyans flown out

The 22 Libyans ordered to be deported for "national security" reasons were put on board a Libyan Arab Airlines aircraft at Heathrow yesterday...



An armed policeman keeping close watch on the expulsions.

Satanist given seven years

Derry Mainwaring Knight, still protesting that he was a Satanist, was jailed for seven years at Maidstone Crown Court...

Simple funeral for the Duchess

The body of the Duchess of Windsor is to be flown to Britain from Paris tomorrow in preparation for burial beside her husband at Frogmore...

Monday The 40s dynasty Joan Collins was first, but now it's fun and fashionable to be glittering and glamorous...

Arab group claims killing in Lyons A mysterious Arab group has claimed responsibility for the assassination yesterday of Mr Kenneth Marston...

Oil fall pushes Britain to record trade deficit Britain's overseas trade was in record deficit last month because of the fall in the value of oil exports...

EEC deal aids UK farmers EEC agriculture ministers have reached a compromise on agricultural prices for the 1986-87 marketing year...

Portfolio Gold There is £20,000 to be won in the Times Portfolio Gold competition today...

Kenneth Marston killed with two rifle bullets. Photograph of Kenneth Marston.

Swazi king greeted by good omen Mbabane (Reuter) - Teenage prince Makhosetive was crowned King of Swaziland yesterday...

Leading Tory MPs to retire Two long-standing Conservative MPs, Sir Norman St John-Stevens and Sir Edward Leese...

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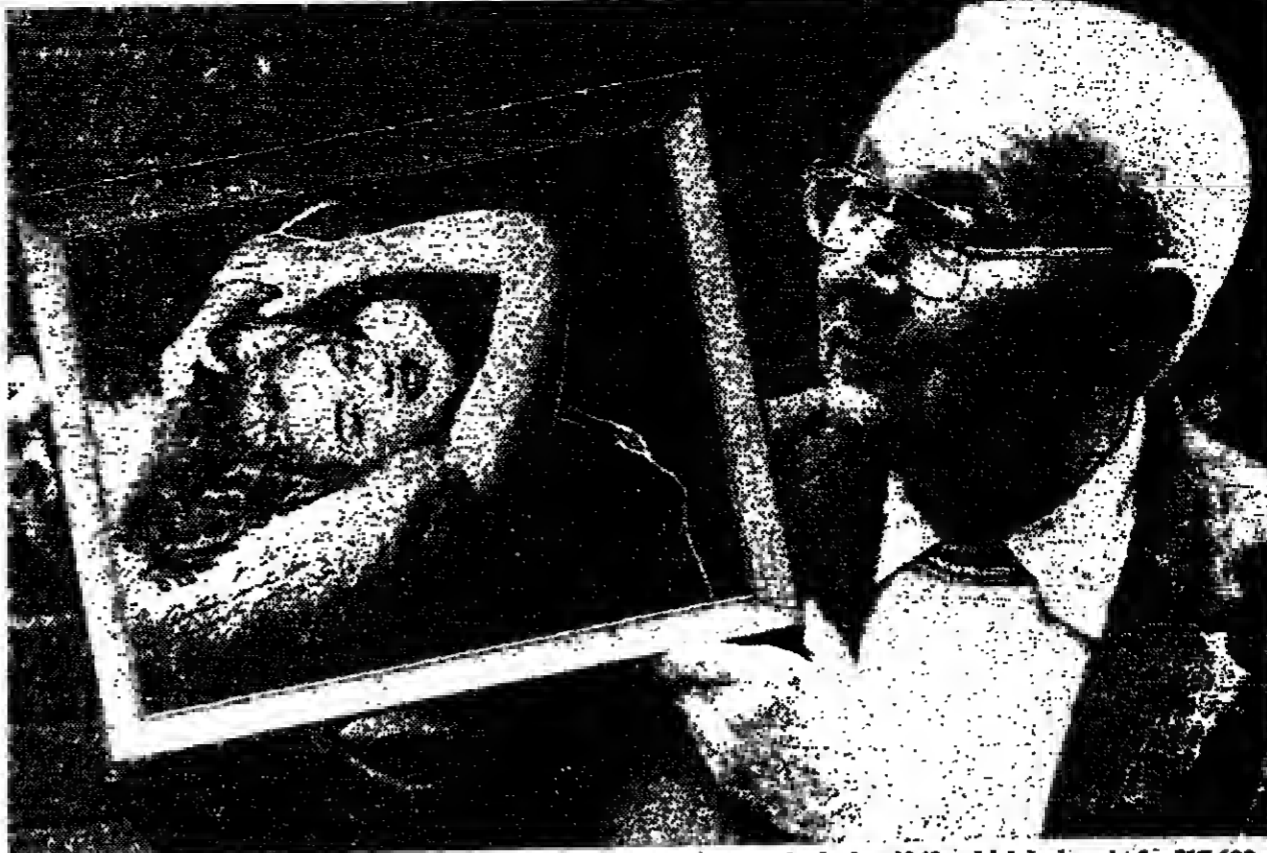
On this day On April 26, 1920, some of the 300 Russian refugees from Soviet Russia who had just landed in Southampton described the dangerous and squalid conditions in Moscow and Petrograd...

Long contracts sought to ease fears on Royal Ordnance float

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent
The Government has been warned that plans to privatize the Royal Ordnance munitions factories, which are due to be floated on the stock market in July, may have to be scrapped unless it gives guarantees of long-term work.

Double jeopardy policy changes

By Stephen Johnson, Parliamentary Staff
Crime suspects who have been officially told they will not be prosecuted may no longer be immune from court action if new evidence comes to light, MPs were told yesterday.



An art dealer from New York with a photograph of Marilyn Monroe taken in the late 1940s which he bought for £17,600 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday. The inscription to the photographer, Bill Burasid, reads: "To Bill, Anything worth having is worth waiting for! Love Marilyn" (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Prince is convicted of dealing in cocaine

A Saudi prince was convicted yesterday of cocaine dealing. But Prince Mashour Ben Saad Aziz, aged 34, was cleared of conspiracy to import the drug into Britain.

Scotland's 'model for regions'

By Our Political Staff
Fragmented responsibility in Whitehall for regional development policy was less effective in encouraging industry than the system in Scotland, Mr Leon Brittan, former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in Strathelyde yesterday.

Security tight for meeting

By Ronald Farr
Tight security surrounded the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire yesterday for the opening of the Bilderberg Conference, the annual meeting of internationally eminent politicians, leaders and industrialists.

Students disrupt free speech talk

By Tim Jones
Jeering students were warned yesterday that unless they conceded the right of political opponents to be heard the Government might compel universities to allow freedom of speech on campuses.

Judge bars Tory plan for council

A High Court judge yesterday blocked an attempt by Conservative councillors in the London borough of Lambeth to use their new-found majority to revise council spending plans.

Auditors' dismay at surcharge role

By Colin Hughes
Legislation to strip district auditors of their responsibility to take councillors to court for wilful misconduct was proposed last night by Mr John Banham, head of the Audit Commission.

Du Cann attack over BL

Sir Edward Du Cann, the influential Tory MP and chairman of the Lambeth Council, said he was "muddled" and "very foolish" after attacking the Government's behaviour as "muddled" and "very foolish".

Labour 'has become the listening party'

By George Hill
The Labour Party does not put dogma or ideology first, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, spokesman on housing, said yesterday.

Fowler in pledge to nurses

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent
Nurses will not be made homeless as a result of the sale of nurses' homes and other health service residential property now taking place, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, pledged yesterday.



The Princess stepping out in the sunshine at the training college in Reading yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Officer's secret court case

By Craig Seton
West Midlands police yesterday denied any involvement in arrangements for a court case involving a senior officer on drink driving charges to be heard 10 days earlier than scheduled.

Labour to aid carers

By Our Political Staff
A future Labour Government would give financial and social help to carers, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour health and social services spokesman, said last night.

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Action against Equity ban

A High Court judge will be asked next Wednesday to order the actors' union Equity to lift its ban on members appearing in South Africa.

Plea for house rejected

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has rejected an application for funds to save Monkton House which has been described as "a rare and total work of art".

Court order challenged

A court order obtained by the Metropolitan Police requiring disclosure of confidential papers during an investigation into alleged fraud in the running of constituency groups in Tottenham, north London, is being challenged in the High Court.

Big race jewel theft charges

Two men appeared before magistrates at Southgate, Merseyside, yesterday charged with stealing £250,000 of jewellery from Mrs Georgina Brumfitt, the wife of the chairman of Seagraves, the Grand National sponsors.

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US demands threaten to disrupt Tokyo summit's harmony

From Bailey Marris, Washington

President Reagan has left Washington on the first leg of his 12-day journey to the Tokyo economic summit...

Privately, European officials in Washington said the summit could "blow up" over a relatively minor matter...

to have the summit reinforce European commitment, a State Department spokesman said.

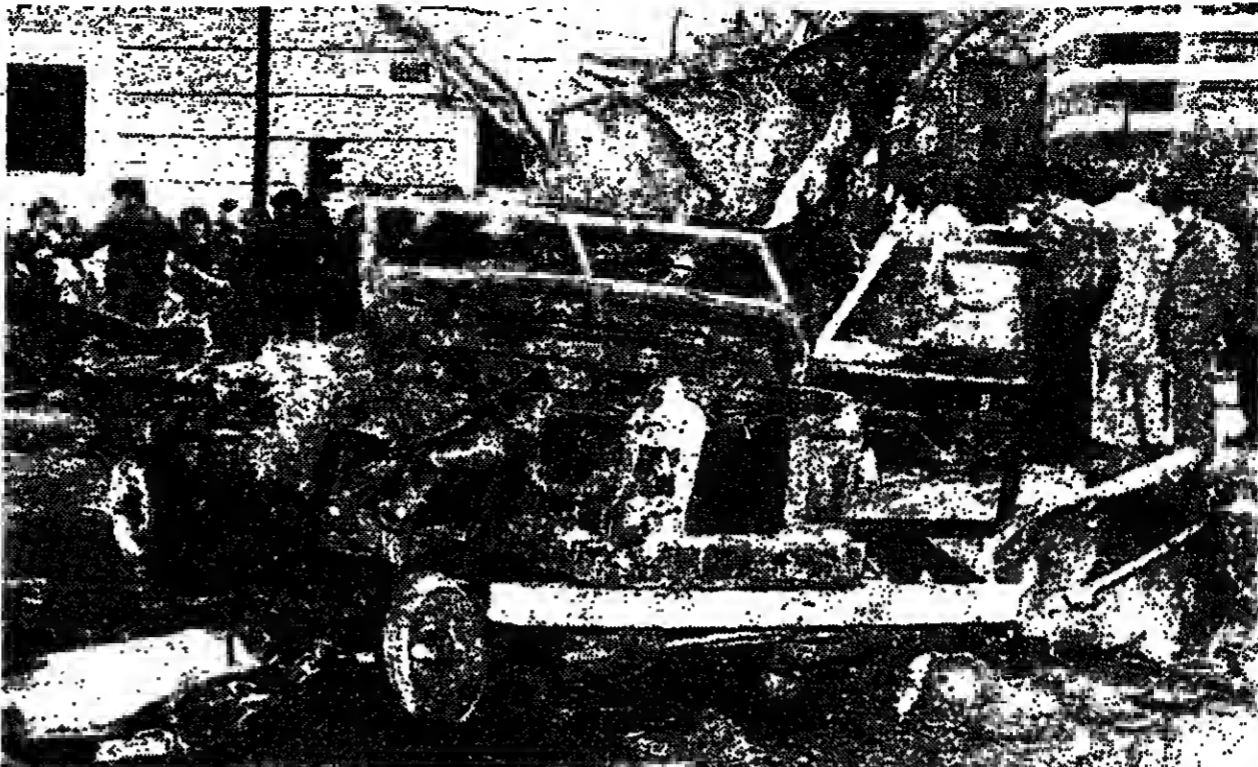
The US Administration is aligned with Europeans in wanting more growth and open market measures from Japan...

US officials, noting that a harmonious summit is extremely important to Japan for domestic political reasons...

Japanese officials warned the US Administration during Mr Nakasone's recent visit that a successful summit is important to the political futures of the Prime Minister...

But the Japanese officials, while anticipating some criticism, are anxious to be treated as equal partners.

Above all, Mr Nakasone is determined to avoid a repeat of the embarrassing 1979 Tokyo summit at which four of the biggest nations decided to hold a "summit within a summit" leaving Japan out.



The blackened remains of the Land-Rover in which five Civil Guards died in a car-bomb explosion in Madrid yesterday.

Royal tour of Britain praised in Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

King Juan Carlos's visit to Britain has received the nod of approval in his homeland. As the royal tour ended, there was a general mood of satisfaction...

A cartoon in the liberal Madrid daily, *Diario 16*, showed the King seated in an easy chair reading *The Times* and gently caressing the head of a huge, smiling puppy.

There was satisfaction, too, over the honours accorded to King Juan Carlos in Britain.

The monarchist daily *ABC*, in a leading article on Thursday, said: "For the first time a foreign sovereign has had the privilege of giving a speech before both Houses of the British Parliament..."

"Although he exercised exemplary prudence, he did not avoid making a reference to Gibraltar."

"Even if notable precedents of analogous speeches by Don Juan Carlos did not exist, his words in the Parliament of Westminster would be enough to accredit the King as the great ambassador of the cause of Spain at this time."

A leading article the same day in *El Pais* said that "there is a psychological resistance, which is maintained by part of the British population, to the ceding of sovereignty over the Rock."

The Roman Catholic daily *Ya* said in an editorial: "Naturally it is up to governments not kings, to find the formulas, but monarchs create the climate in which such formulas can appear. That may be the most important result of this historic trip of the Spanish monarch."

Leading article, page 9.

Madrid car bomb kills five Civil Guardsmen

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A car bomb exploded at dawn yesterday on a main thoroughfare here killing five members of the para-military Civil Guard and seriously injuring four other policemen and at least four civilians.

The blast demolished a passing patrol car, in which the Civil Guardsmen were travelling.

Passing motorists took the injured to at least six different hospitals and it took rescue crews several hours to cut through the twisted wreckage of the car and remove the mangled bodies of three of the policemen.

The car which was loaded with the explosives was so thoroughly demolished that police could not immediately determine what model it was.

The explosion hurled a wheel of the patrol car through the facade of a nearby hospital, leaving a gaping hole. It wrecked other cars and shattered windows throughout the area.

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Croatian atrocities described

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Zagreb (Reuters) — A Yugoslav woman said yesterday she had seen Croatian fascist soldiers tear a child apart with their bare hands during the Second World War.

Mrs Mara Vojnovic, 63, was testifying at the trial of Andrija Artukovic for atrocities alleged to have been committed when he was Interior Minister of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia from 1941 to 1945.

The wartime Croatian regime, which collaborated with the Nazis, is held responsible for murdering over 900,000 Serbs, Jews, gypsies and left wingers — civilians and prisoners of war.

Mrs Vojnovic, a former inmate of Stara Gradiska concentration camp, said she saw the fascist soldiers rip a small child in half then order 500 other children to be gassed.

Artukovic told the court: "I've listened to the witness... I never heard about these horrors."

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Fans sue Juventus over cup tragedy

Venice (Reuters) — Two Italian soccer fans injured in the riots which killed 39 people at last year's European Cup final are suing the cup winners, Juventus.

Signor Egidio Favaretto and Signor Giuseppe Carraro are seeking damages from the match providers and accusing the top Italian club of profiting from a tragedy.

The two fans, who live in Venice, were among about 350 people hurt when a wall collapsed during a stampede by rioting supporters of Liverpool at the final in the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in May last year. Signor Carraro broke his leg and several ribs while Signor Favaretto fractured his ankle.

Gromyko goes back to work

Moscow (Reuters) — President Gromyko, whose health has been the subject of speculation, was officially reported to be at work yesterday, chairing a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. He has had influenza.

Wine over the limit

Rome (Reuters) — The Italian Health Ministry said that just over 1 per cent of wine samples tested up to now for adulteration with methyl alcohol showed levels of the chemical above the legal limit.

Out of 71,051 samples analysed, 850 contained amounts of methyl alcohol higher than permitted.

Student shot

Sanuago (Reuters) — A student was shot dead in Ternuco during the third consecutive day of violent protests against a visit by President Pinochet.

Play it again

Moscow (AFP) — Soviet television, which only briefly mentioned last Sunday's now world-famous Moscow recital by the Soviet-born American pianist Vladimir Horowitz, aged 81, will show a recording of it on May 4.

Embassy man shot in Sanaa

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A United States embassy communications officer was shot and injured in Sanaa, the capital of North Yemen, a State Department official here said yesterday.

The officer was driving his car when a gunman in another car pulled alongside and fired five or more shots before driving off, the official added.

The American, whose name was not released, was injured in the upper part of his body. He does not appear to be in danger and is in stable condition in hospital.

It was the second shooting of a US embassy employee in the Arab world since the April 14 US air strike on Libya.

A communications officer in the US Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, was shot and injured last week.

General angry: General Vernon Walters, the American representative, criticized the non-aligned movement for what he termed its brazen alignment against the US as the United Nations Security Council concluded its debate on the American bombings of Libya (Zorian Pysariwsky writes).

General Walters said the US was deeply indignant and would not forget the "totally one-sided view" the movement had taken.

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From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government has stepped up defences along the Mediterranean coast in the wake of the Libyan crisis.

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Greek Cabinet sworn in with 12 changes

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Twelve new Greek ministers and undersecretaries were sworn in yesterday.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, who had kept the defence ministry since 1981 to get the military accustomed to a socialist Government, now feels confident enough to hand it over.

The new Cabinet: Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreu; Deputy Premier and Defence, Yiannis Haralampoukos (-); Minister to the Presidency of the Government, Aikis Tsohatzopoulos; Foreign Affairs, Karolos Papoulias; Foreign Affairs minister of state (EEC), Theodoros Panagiotis; Interior, Michalis Koutsou-

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By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

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Londoners' leap thrills New Yorkers

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

New Yorkers were plainly delighted yesterday by the historic leap from the Empire State Building by two young Londoners.

The sky divers were hailed in the newspapers for doing what no one had done before. And New Yorkers, who get moody if they do not have at least one sensation a week, were grateful to them.

Michael McCarthy, aged 25, a computer programmer, and Alisdair Boyd, aged 27, a landscape gardener, dived head first from the 86th floor observation deck, 1,050ft up, having attached their parachute static lines to the railings.

A minute later, having steered their rectangular aerofoil parachutes around obstacles, they landed in Fifth Avenue.

Mr Boyd gathered up his chute and smartly hailed a taxi. Mr McCarthy's chute, however, snagged on a traffic light and two policemen arrived to arrest him and charge him with reckless endanger-

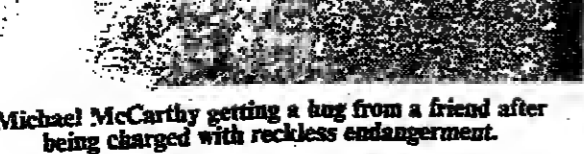
ment and parachuting within the city limits. He did not seem to mind, and the policemen themselves seemed to admire the stunt.

Mr McCarthy, who parachuted from the Eiffel Tower two years ago, and Mr Boyd made practice jumps from an antenna tower in Florida before flying to New York and buying \$3 tickets to the Empire State Building.

They carried their parachutes gear under raincoats, strapped it on and climbed over the 61st rail to the parapet. A guard shouted "Get off the fence" — and they did.

There were plenty of pictures of the Londoners' leap because they had told a photographic agency in advance. They said they did not make any money on the jump. They did it because it had not been done before and because life can be humdrum.

They also said the Empire State Building represents America. Back on the ground, having conquered America, they dined on hamburgers.



Michael McCarthy getting a leg from a friend after being charged with reckless endangerment.

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ELIGIBILITY: 3. A Yearly Plan agreement may be applied for: (i) by any individual who has reached the age of 7 years and is not under a legal disability other than by reason of his age, or (ii) by such an individual on behalf of and in the name of a person under the age of 7 years at the date a valid application is received; (iii) by a receiver on behalf of and in the name of a mentally disordered person; or (iv) by not more than 2 trustees, either corporate or individual, where the beneficiary of the trust is a sole individual.

APPLICATION: 4. An applicant will complete an application form. The standing order mandate form which forms part of the application must show the day in the month on which payments are to be made. But the Yearly Plan Section will enter the month in which the first payment is to be made and send the standing order mandate to the bank. The due date for the first payment will be no less than one month and no more than two months after the interest rates date. To start the agreement the first payment must be made on the due date. Subsequent payments will be due on the same day of the month in the following 11 months.

INTEREST RATES NOTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE: 5. The interest rates applicable to an agreement will be notified to the applicant in an offer letter sent by post to the applicant's address. If the applicant rejects the offer, the standing order mandate must be cancelled so as to prevent the first payment from being made.

PAYMENTS: 6. Payments may be made only under a standing order mandate acceptable to the Director of Savings. Payments can be made in this manner by the applicant or by any person or body on his behalf. All such payments, once made, will become the property of the holder. 7. Only one payment per agreement may be made in each of the 12 months of an agreement and each payment must be for the same amount. 8. In the event of the death (other than of a trustee or receiver) of either the applicant or holder no further payments may be made under the agreement without the consent of the Director of Savings. Any payments made in breach of this paragraph will be refunded without interest.

LIMITS: 9. The minimum monthly payment under the Scheme is £20. All monthly payments must be in multiples of £5. The total of all payments under the Scheme for the benefit of any one holder must not exceed £200 in

any month. A holder who is a trustee will be treated separately in his personal capacity and in his capacity as trustee, and separately in respect of each separate trust fund.

SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 10. Provided that at least 7 valid payments are made under an immediately preceding agreement leading to the issue of a certificate, the applicant has an option to enter into a subsequent agreement on the terms of this prospectus as amended in accordance with paragraphs 21 and 22. The applicant takes up the option by continuing the standing order payments provided the first payment under the subsequent agreement is made on the due date. If the applicant does not wish to take up the option the standing order mandate must be cancelled.

PAYMENTS ON SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 11. Payments on subsequent agreements must be for the same amount, and be made on the same day of the month as for the preceding agreement.

TRANSFERS: 12. Agreements are transferable only with the consent of the Director of Savings. Certificates are transferable in the same way as other savings certificates.

INTEREST ON PAYMENTS UP TO CERTIFICATE DATE: 13. Monthly payments in respect of which a certificate is issued will each earn simple interest for each complete calendar month up to the certificate date. Interest begins on the first day of the month following the month of payment. If monthly payments are repaid before the certificate date, no interest is payable.

INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES: 14. A certificate showing the certificate value at the certificate date will be sent to the applicant. The certificate value will earn interest compounded annually on the anniversaries of the certificate date for each whole calendar month from the certificate date up to the date of repayment or the fourth anniversary of the certificate date, whichever is earlier.

BASIS ON WHICH INTEREST IS EARNED: 15. If at least 7 payments are made under an agreement the interest rates to be applied to individual payments and to the certificate value will be those set out in the relevant offer letter.

IF 6 OR FEWER PAYMENTS ARE MADE UNDER AN AGREEMENT: 16. If 6 or fewer payments are made under an agreement the interest rate will be 3% p.a. This rate will apply both to the individual payments and to the certificate value.

REPAYMENT: 17. The only permissible uses of payments are: (a) whole certificates together with accrued interest, or (b) all the payments so far made.

REPAYMENT: 18. Repayment will be made on application in writing to the Yearly Plan Section. The repayment warrant will normally be put in the post within 14 working days of receiving an application, but repayment within this period cannot be guaranteed and it is advisable to apply as far in advance as possible. Repayment will be made by crossed warrant. For the purposes of this prospectus, the date of repayment shall be deemed to be the date of the warrant.

EXTENSION TERMS: 20. From the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, and until 3 months notice has been given otherwise, interest will continue to accrue: (a) on certificates for which at least 7 payments have been made, at the variable extension rate applicable to other extended National Savings Certificates; (b) on certificates on which interest is payable at the rate of 3% p.a. until the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, at a rate of 3% p.a.

CHANGES TO THE PROSPECTUS: 21. The Treasury may on giving notice withdraw the option, mentioned in paragraph 10 of this prospectus, in respect of existing and future agreements. This will not prevent an agreement (without an option) being made where an offer letter has been sent to the applicant. 22. The Treasury may on giving notice: (a) change the amounts specified in paragraph 6; (b) change the minimum number of payments specified in paragraph 10 to secure the right to an option to enter into a subsequent agreement; (c) change the number of payments specified in paragraphs 15 and 16 which determine the basis on which interest will be earned; (d) lay down, alter or terminate the extension terms under paragraph 20; but not so as to effect a change already made before the date specified in the notice or agreement is in force. 23. The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraphs 21 and 22 in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes, it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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Minister howled down by extremists angry over Pretoria's reforms

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Pretoria's roadshow to sell its new black urbanization policy to its supporters and prepare them for possibly more far-reaching reform proposals has got off to an inauspicious start. Mr Louis Nel, the Deputy Minister of Information, was howled down at a public meeting.

Afrikaner-white radicalism at its worst, he said. "This rude crowd has not just come from the Brits district, it has been canvassed from all over the Transvaal."

But Mr Nel was unable to make himself heard over the barrage of noise from supporters of both the conservative Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). As he left the hall the right-wingers, calling themselves "people who walk the straight road", jubilantly took over the stage and appointed a former professional wrestler to chair the meeting. They cheered a motion of no confidence in the National Party, President Botha and their local National Party MP.

Policeman stabbed in Soweto rampage

Johannesburg—A black police sergeant was stabbed to death as mobs of youths went on a rampage in the black township of Soweto near here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

A black policeman last Friday. Blacks claimed police fired tear gas into the buses at roadblocks. Other youths hijacked private cars and forced taxi drivers to take them to the court where they were faced by a barrier of mounted police.

Marilyn race protest

Johannesburg (AFP) — A Marilyn Monroe look-alike competition organized by a South African supermarket chain has been cancelled because of complaints from black politicians that it discriminated against blacks.

Meanwhile, police yesterday confirmed the overnight arrest under the Internal Security Act of the Rt Rev Sipebert Ndandwe, the Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg, West. The Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, said: "If anyone has been working towards holding together a community that was exploding, then it was him."

Manila press men killed in ambush

From Keith Dalton Manila

A senior Reuter photographer, a provincial journalist and eight soldiers died in a roadside ambush by communist rebels in the northern Philippines. Mr Juan Ponce Enrique, the Defence Minister, said yesterday.



Mr Willie Vicoy, the photographer who died in an ambush in the Philippines, on assignment during the Vietnam war.

Reagan offers help to Aquino

Washington — President Reagan yesterday telephoned President Corason Aquino of the Philippines, offering United States assistance "in meeting the challenges that lie before her Government."

Cameraman haunted by Vietnam war work

Manila (Reuter) — Willie Vicoy, the Reuter photographer who died yesterday, was still suffering nightmares about his work in Vietnam 10 years after the war ended.

Church-state summit eases way for Pope's Polish visit

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

General Jaruzelski and Cardinal Glemp have held the first Polish church-state summit in almost a year to prepare the way for the Pope's next pilgrimage to his homeland.

The two also stressed the political status for Solidarity prisoners; the Government insists on referring only to "non-criminal" offenders.

Soviet reprimands show problems facing oil industry

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

New evidence of the severe troubles facing the giant Soviet oil industry emerged yesterday with a report in Pravda that the Communist Party had severely reprimanded two senior government officials for shoddy work in the key oil-refining sector.

Tribute to astronauts

Caroline McAuliffe (above), daughter of Christa McAuliffe, the high school teacher who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, watching a tribute to her mother and the six professional astronauts on board.

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St George's, Grenada (Reuter) — The court trying 18 people accused of murdering Maurice Bishop, Grenada's Prime Minister, yesterday heard the first eyewitness account of the coup which triggered a US-led invasion.

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West Germany's problems in coming to terms with the Nazi past surfaced in the Bonn Parliament yesterday when MPs failed to decide for or against a national war memorial.

Oslo intervenes to end its offshore dispute

The Norwegian Government yesterday intervened and ended the dispute that had shot down the country's oil and gas production for the past 19 days.

Senior American official wants Waldheim barred from entering US

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A senior Justice Department official responsible for investigating Nazi war crimes has recommended that Dr Kurt Waldheim be barred from the United States because of alleged involvement in wartime atrocities against Yugoslav partisans.

Threat of ban upsets Austrian politicians

Vienna — News of the recommendation that Dr Kurt Waldheim be refused entry to the United States provoked a storm of protest from conservative politicians supporting him for the Austrian presidency (Richard Bassett writes).

Zimbabwe to seek foreign investment

Harare (API) — The Zimbabwe Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, announced yesterday that his Socialist government is preparing its first guidelines for prospective investors since independence in 1980.

Glasses clue in Palme murder hunt

Stockholm (Reuter) — The Swedish police disclosed that they had found a pair of spectacles near the spot where the former Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, was murdered, that may have belonged to his assassin.

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Kenneth Minogue on the long reach of Liberation Theology

At God's left hand

Neil Kinneck and Pope John Paul II have recently been facing the same problem: how to deal with the Trojan Horse of Marxism.



Pope John Paul visiting revolutionary Nicaragua and Derek Hatton addressing the Labour Party: two faces of the same dilemma

There is certainly no mystery about Marx's view of religion. "I hate all gods", was the Promethean remark he used as the epigraph to his doctoral dissertation, and his successors have taken him at his word whenever they have attained power.

Marx thought he had good intellectual reasons for this position. He inherited a philosophical tradition, dating back to the ancient Greeks, according to which religion was a set of myths necessary for keeping unruly men in mortal fear of the invisible policeman of conscience.

The real point of the attack on religion, however, lies in a simple fact about the technology of revolution. Any revolution must spring from the discontent of workers or peasants, but it is impossible to focus this discontent if the people continue to think in terms of a life hereafter.

It is easy enough to see how a collection of revolutionary Marxists, sheltering under the popular trademark of Lenin, might plausibly pass themselves off as merely realistic supporters of the socialist programme of Keir Hardie and Nye Bevan: less easy to see how Marxists might pass themselves off as Christians.

One link arises from the fact that priests working amid the suffering of Latin America might well identify Christ's poor with Marx's proletariat, of whom he said that "no particular wrong but wrong generally is perpetrated against it".

The argument of the Gospels is that wealth attaches us dangerously to the things of this world. Thus the poor may be found oppressed by a corrupt system, then it is easy to see that many priests might think partisanship with the poor to be the heart of a reinvigorated Gospel message.

A less obvious reason why Christianity might slide into Marxism is to be found in the fact that religion has lately been invaded by science and philosophy.

In its natural state, Christianity is a collection of stories constituting what is believed to be a divine revelation, and the meaning of these doctrines and stories changes over the generations. Taken up by the philosophically inclined, however, the stories will be translated into the abstractions of current intellectual life. God turns into the ground of being, the Gospel stories become metaphors of renewal, the Second Coming a concretization of hope, and so on.

This intellectualizing process homogenizes and makes rigid whatever it touches. Indeed, it has been plausibly argued — by Lewis Feuer, among others — that the fundamental structure of Marxism is merely an abstract version of the story of Moses leading the enslaved people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage to the promised land. Significantly, the Vatican response to Liberation Theology invokes the Exodus story, adding: "God wishes to be adored by people who are free."

One aspect of the Trojan Horse problem faced by the churches is that Marxism is in some respects an abstract and simplified version of one of the central ideas of Christianity. The Pope's response to this problem has come in two documents issued under the name of Cardinal Ratzinger from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The first came out in 1984 and was largely critical of Liberation Theology; the second, which has just been published, restates Christian doctrine in such a way as to absorb whatever is valuable in the theology of liberation, and to discard the "deadly errors" of what remains.

The link between Christianity and Marxism resides in the very idea of liberation itself. In Christian terms, God has made us free, but we tend constantly to slide into the bondage of sin. In Marxist terms, we are enslaved by capitalism, but can liberate ourselves through armed struggle.

The anti-Christian character of this doctrine can partly be brought out by juxtaposing it against the Christian injunction to love one's enemies. Conversion is a better aim than liquidation. The Marxist emphasis on systems and structures must be contrasted with the Christian emphasis on the human heart. "The first thing to be done," writes the cardinal, "is to appeal to the spiritual and moral capacities of the individual... if one is to achieve the economic and social changes that will truly be at the service of man."

A century and a half after Marx, when systems have been toppled and replaced without any notable improvement in the human heart, the Marxist argument looks very thin. The political point of papal documents, however, is less to win arguments than to reaffirm the Christian position in such a way as to build a bridge by which the straying theologians of liberation can return to the Christian fold.

Association Annual Conference which has just ended at Aviemore. The proposition involves independent bookshops forming buying co-operatives modelled on organizations like the grocery traders' Mace. This would enable them to buy from publishers in sufficient quantities to negotiate competitive discounts.

Bryan Appleyard looks at the marketing onslaught that has hit small bookshops

Fighting off the Burtons of the bookshelves

command the highest discounts. They carry large stocks — £60 worth per square foot of selling space — and, in general, they are as highbrow as the best of the independents.

And they are moving very quickly. Waterstone's, which only came into existence at the end of 1982, had 10 shops by the end of last year and is opening another eight this year. They work on the basis that every store must achieve £1 million turnover in its first year. Hatchards and Corgi, two Collins subsidiaries, are expanding just as quickly.

In addition, W H Smith is rationalizing its Bowes & Webster subsidiary by remaining all the 37 shops in the company's Sherratt and Hughes. In September it will announce national promotion of the chain as well as the development of additional shops. With Penguin Bookshops, Pentos and Blackwell's all moving in the same direction, it is clear that the smart new-wave bookshop is about to take its place on every High Street next to smart new-wave clothes and furniture shops.

But who is buying the books? The answer is difficult to pin down but it seems clear that the market is growing and that growth should be accelerating. For a start, Britain's total book market is worth about £700 million annually; which means that in terms of per capita spending on books we are lagging well behind the Americans and most of the Europeans. The "under-bookshopped" phase may have held back the whole market and the new wave may mean we shall catch up. Certainly experience so far suggests that these new shops are

creating new business rather than simply taking it straight off the independents.

Furthermore, library borrowing is on the decline. Public libraries are not what they were and the book-borrowing habit has not really taken root in the younger generation.

So the gap in the market spotted by the new wave certainly seems to exist and appears to be sufficiently large to allow them to expand contentedly for some time yet. Nobody has any illusions, however, that they will soon be crashing into each other in competition for prime sites and that the ambitions of some will have to be pruned or abandoned.

But meanwhile that leaves the independents, increasingly pessimistic about the loyalty of their clientele and unable to do anything about their already slim profit margins. "I'm sad to say," laments Phil Cullen, general manager of Sherratt and Hughes, "that many of them will be forced out of business." These are not crocodile tears. Cullen is about to retire and delights in browsing through independent bookshops.

Tim Waterstone, chairman of Waterstone's, takes the rather more robust view that bookselling was always a profitable business — witness the consistency of W H Smith's figures — and it was only the inefficiency of small operators which had given the business a bad name for low margins and poor returns. But he does add that the independents should be able to survive in more specialized niches — playing, as it were, the role of bespoke tailor to the off-peg High Street operations.

A more radical solution was proposed at the Booksellers

And if the eagle should fly?

Isolationism in the US is not confined to the Midwest. There was general anger in America at the lack of support from Europe for the Libyan raid, and fury against the French and Italians for refusing overflying rights. Without Mrs Thatcher the trend towards Fortress America would have been accelerated.

Europeans, particularly in Britain, tend to think that we are doing the US a favour when we allow her to defend us with her forces and bases in Europe. The US would be considerably better off if it withdrew all its bases and troops — 55 per cent of its yearly defence budget of some \$300 billion is spent on defending us. Although it would still spend a lot on the withdrawal forces the expense would be much less.

Western Europe would not only lose comfort by such a withdrawal, it would lose considerable foreign exchange and employment. The 350,000 American troops in Europe are accompanied by some 750,000 dependents. The absence of well over a million Americans permanently stationed here, spending dollars and giving employment, would be extremely disagreeable.

It is sentiment more than necessity that impels the US to defend us. If there was a war between Russia and the West a fortress America would be in no greater danger of nuclear destruction than it is at present. If no nuclear weapons were used America would be absolutely safe. The Russians could not get large numbers of troops across the Bering Straits. There is no chance of their being able to do a Hannibal over the Alps on the US.

American exports would not suffer under a Fortress America policy — that is, until the Russians decided that the remnants of free Europe could so easily be taken over by Russia that they might as well do it. But even then a country with the vast resources of America would not be deterred for long.

A Western Europe without America would either have to step up its defence spending enormously or accept the inevitable. If the presence of large American forces has not made Russia relax her grip on Eastern Europe, the absence of them, and a policy not to send them to Europe again, would be an irresistible temptation to Moscow. Gorbachev may have a modern look, but he remains an old-fashioned Russian imperialist. The Russian army has not left Afghanistan.

Incidents can easily be contrived to justify the taking over of the Western sector of Berlin, leading to further incidents and advances elsewhere in Europe.

Political parties, no less than Churches, have insecure identities liable to be subverted by activists masquerading as mere enthusiastic keepers of the sacred flame. This is why Neil Kinneck would be well advised to consider carefully the Vatican's response to Liberation Theology. For if the Labour Party fails to solve its constitutional crisis, a constitutional British party will have turned insensibly into a revolutionary international movement.

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David Walker

Old unions don't just fade away

The Secretary of State for Employment's Stockton Lecture the other night was disastrous in the way politicians usually are on subjects deemed sensitive or electorally disorganizing. David Young, the former straight-talking businessman, came of age as a party politician.

The subject of the lecture was billed as enterprise. It turned out to be a speech about industrial relations — rightly so, since Secretaries of State for Employment cannot do much about our perennial national culture (Lord Young's phrase), while they can operate on the body of law that underpins collective bargaining. Thus he spoke about trade unions. Rather, he insinuated and hinted a great deal about trade unions but stopped short of his and the Prime Minister's ultimate tenet: that trade unions have no place in a thriving enterprise society.

It is worth getting the minister's argument straight. Wage bargaining by unions is anachronistic. Trade unions are Marxist, in so far as they assume a permanent condition of struggle between employers and employees. The union attitude is "the virus of the British disease". Union leaders are schooled in terms of class war and exploitation suitable to the 1880s.

The economic facts of life, Lord Young said, are as follows. If wages are constrained, firms have lower costs. That encourages them to produce more and sell more — they can set lower prices and enjoy higher profits. Real demand and output will increase.

And where does that leave trade unions? Here is the minister's concealment, achieved by leaving the conclusion unspoken. The logic is plain: trade unions are bad for business... business is good for workers... ergo trade unions are bad for workers. The role of a reforming government is plain: abolish them. Prescriptions for action in Young's speech: none. Despite the 1980, 1982 and 1984 industrial relations legislation, unions still enjoy immunity from the operations of the civil law. They are, in short, empowered by law to inflict economic harm in a market society, they have no place. Turn to the Institute of Economic Affairs: a reputable source of analysis in favour of market economics. A new IEA pamphlet, out this week, is blunt. "Modern unionism is an affront to the rule of law, upon which the authority of the liberal state should rest. Hence the proper role of law would be to proscribe them."

Russia would become much more the master of the foreign policy of that part of Europe not occupied by Russian troops than America has ever been.

The instant reaction against Mrs Thatcher's permission for American aircraft to fly to Libya was one of cowardice. It was similar to the fearfulness in Britain during the Chamberlain days. Few considered the long-term dangers to our safety that a refusal by Mrs Thatcher would have brought, thinking only of the risk of some immediate terrorist action in which they might get hurt.

Americans tend to take a simpler view. Libya is the main source of funds for African terrorists whether they are Libyan or not, therefore Libya should be given a warning knock. Europeans love to debate all the ins and outs before doing anything, which usually means that nothing is done, as the Americans found in response to their prolonged and repeated pleas for joint action against Libyan-inspired terrorism.

Mrs Thatcher's permission to fly showed up the Alliance at a moment when the US was becoming dangerously disillusioned by it. It has done more. Already President Reagan, in gratitude, wants to make it easier to extradite IRA terrorists for trial in Britain. Similarly, there is likely to be a protest and decline in American financial support for the IRA. So all those people who resent Mrs Thatcher in public fear of increased terrorism can now expect an actual reduction, or at least a cessation, of it in this country.

It is too early to say whether the American strike against Libya will reduce world-wide terrorism of which Americans have been the principal victims. There are signs that something is changing in Libya. European countries are suddenly becoming more cooperative in the fight against terrorism. At the very worst, international terrorism over a period is unlikely to increase.

Mrs Thatcher has also demonstrated to the nervous that the US cannot even use bases here for conventional weapons without our permission: how much more that prohibition would apply to a use of nuclear weapons of which we have approved. Those, like the Labour Party, who would get rid of the United States nuclear bases should understand that they would also be ending the Atlantic Alliance. Why should the US keep her troops over here if she has no nuclear deterrent? Mrs Thatcher has not merely protected the Alliance from corrosion, but enhanced British influence on Washington within it.

Unlike the minister the IEA is unafraid to face the logic of its premises. Trade unions exist to stop labour being supplied. They should be declared illegal combinations. That conclusion leads straight to repeal of the 1966 Trades Disputes Act and the end of protection for unions in civil suits for example alleging conspiracy to do economic harm to an employer.

What says Lord Young's hand? Perhaps he is an historicist, who thinks the inevitability of history will take care of the problem. Trade unions are, he argued in the Stockton Lecture, in terminal decline. The proportion of the labour force in unions has fallen from nearly 60 per cent in 1979 to just over 50 per cent in 1984. Give it a bit more time and trade unionism becomes, like council housing, a residual category barely worthy of mention. We can all relax at last and watch Sogit '82 and the National Union of Mineworkers slide into the sunset. That, with frills, seems to be the Government's position.

It is untenable. The decline of union membership is neither inevitable nor fast. The electronics leader Eric Hammond, for all the benignity of his visage, exists to do to employers no more, nor less than harm them if the collective interests of his members are not served. It is as unacceptable as a strand of market economics as Arthur Scargill. Meanwhile there is evidence that unit labour costs, the subject of much ministerial hand-wringing, are indeed affected if indirectly by the extent of unionization (where unionized sectors prevent a reduction in real wages). The government believes there is, at some level, a connection between legislation to deprive unions and macro-economic improvement.

But perhaps, Lord Young is scared. The fear is that expressed by his adjutant, Kenneth Clarke, that there is in British public opinion a gauge of the right balance between "both sides of industry" — in other words — a conviction that capital and labour have competing interests. Clarke has insisted that public opinion considers the balance now to be about right, with some danger of its favour swinging against the employer. A good and bloody public service strike might alter that for the moment the politics of unit bargaining are difficult. That must be Lord Young's judgement.

What Right To Strike? IEA, 2 Lord North Street, London SW1E 3LB. £2.

SPORTS DIARY Simon Barnes

Rigging the Cup

Saturation media coverage of the America's Cup threatens to be one of the great bores of our time. Yacht racing is not an all-action television sport. But alongside the racing will be what promises to be the most spectacular aquatic event since Trafalgar: the five months of battling between the International Management Group's "gunboat" and the boats of filmcrews from all over the world. "Ways will be found to prevent you filming," threatened one IMG man. "The event will be policed and we will have our gunboats out."

IMG, the megabuck sporting agency headed by Mark McCormack, bought the rights to the America's Cup from the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The agency wants \$300,000 from anyone who wishes to cover the event. There are no separate deals for, say, making documentary films, and the sum is far too large for the BBC and other organizations, to even consider.

But now a company called Derrick Offshore Limited is planning to sail a brand new, specially converted oil rig to the site of the America's Cup races. Derrick Offshore believes it has every legal right to be in the waters where the finals will be held. The rig, which can move at more than 10 knots, will have a 500-seat grandstand, restaurant, casino, cabins and a hospital — as well as satellite, telephone and telex links. The rig is even computer-stabilized, to give the best possible conditions for filming. Media men are apparently flocking to Derrick Offshore with inquiries.

Six appeal

Last summer, lest we forget, God was in his Heaven. All was right with the world. England was thumping Australia and Ian Botham was hitting every ball that came his way for six. He hit a record 80 in the season. The feat has prompted a new six-hitting contest, with prizes that every cricketer will cherish: money. If Botham hits 80 sixes again this summer, he will get £1,300. Wisden Cricket Monthly magazine, in conjunction with a company called Basic Six, will operate the scheme. Botham will receive £10 for every first-class six he hits from the 20th onward — and from that 20th sixth the tenners become retrospective. Thus 19 sixes win you nothing, but 21 earn you £210. The man who scores the most in the season will receive a bonus of £500. I hope the winner of our discontent will be made glorious summer by this son of Somerset. Or to put it less laboriously: attaboy. Both!

My achievement in tipping the winner of the Grand National will never be forgotten, at least not by me. Flustered with habits, I now tip Sonic Lady to win the first classic of the season, the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Thursday. If you shy from backing favourites, then have Chalk Stream each way.

Dilly Daley

A South African radio station came up with a world scoop recently when it announced that Bloemfontein-born (and raised, and educated) Zola Budd was engaged to be married — to Daley Thompson. The announcement was in fact made on April 1. The joke echoes an informal competition held by Daily Mail subscribers after their newspaper had bought up Miss Budd in that memorable deal a couple of years back. The object of the competition was to find the best Zola headline. The winning entry was "Zola has Daley's Loveshield." But I seem to remember from the Olympics that Mr Thompson has set his sights even higher — on a former European three-day event champion.

Net profit

This being the age of voluntary net practice it is nice to see the Australian cricket captain Allan Border storming into England to join Essex. He arrived this week from Australia, was met at Heathrow at half past six in the morning, went straight to Chelmsford, and by lunchtime he was having his first net. On Wednesday, in spectacularly English conditions, he scored 80 runs, and already looks a good bet for top of the averages. Has the man not heard that travelling cricketers are supposed to do it with a whinge? What is the game coming to?

BARRY FANTON



"Poor Marvin. He was on his way down town to catch his British trip, and got shot."

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Television

Well Being (Channel 4) was concerned with female alcoholism...

As always in contemporary society, of course, this immediately becomes a problem...

The denormalizing aspects of this process even became evident in last night's programme...

Of course some women, and men too, have problems with alcohol, and their dependency can lead to physical or mental deterioration...

Andrew Motion became a friend of Larkin's when he was teaching at the University of Hull at the end of the seventies...

Peter Ackroyd

The Lamberts, George, Constant and Kit, form the subject of the first biography by Andrew Motion (right) poetry editor of Faber & Faber. Interview by Caroline Moorehead

Enjoying a life of quiet interests

"Make them laugh, make them cry, bring on the dancing girls," Philip Larkin would say to his friend and biographer Andrew Motion, when they talked about writing, particularly poetry...

But Motion wanted to celebrate him at the moment when thoughts and memories were still so strong. He could hear the exact note of that "Ecyore" voice, saying over the telephone "This is your subject speaking".

"The first two, the laughing and the crying were ok," Motion comments on his poem. "I was a bit short on dancing girls..."

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himself". Motion had come to Hull straight from the Newdigate Poetry Prize and a master's degree at Oxford from the poet Edward Thomas, which he was busy "respraying and resoldering" into a book...

For all that, for the walks and the times with Larkin, he had enough of Hull after three years, missing his friends and the things like opera and movies in London that he had never imagined he might miss. He left, against dire warnings from his friends, and spent his savings on a journey to India. He came back, broke, to find a letter on the mat, telling him that he had won the Observer Poetry Prize: £5,000 and the time to write a book on Larkin.

Still, there was no proper form to his life. He became two days a week editor of the Poetry Review, commuting from the house in Oxford he had bought with money bequeathed by his mother...



had bought with money bequeathed by his mother, who died after ten years in hospital paralysed following a riding accident.

On other days he travelled the literary circuit, giving readings of his own poetry, growing increasingly uneasy that in so doing he was somehow becoming that dreaded self-conscious figure "a poet, rather than just someone who sometimes writes poetry".

Then came a more marked act of fortune. Andrew Motion was visiting Chatto & Windus, trying and failing to interest them in the life of another poet, when Carmen Callil, the managing director, asked him what he felt about the Lamberts as a subject.

He wasn't certain. He had never heard of George, the painter, and knew nothing of Kit beyond the fact that he was manager of The Who; Constant, the composer, was clearer: "Something of a hero eveo, through Anthony Powell's Morland; I thought of him as an arbiter of fashion and man of sense."

He was soon hooked. Better still, Chatto suggested that he join the firm, for two days a week as Poetry Editor, while he made trips to Baltimore and Australia, in search of George's roots, and so he embarked on three and a half years of the biographer's ferreting and dredging.

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The Lamberts' interests were much his own: paintings through his mother, music through singing in the choir at school and pleasure in adult life. But Motion admits that while he likes Wagner, Constant preferred French and Russian composers; and rock and roll is just an adolescent memory. But he especially admired the way the Constants were never absolutely first rate: "In some ways, it's better to value them for not being achievers of the top rank; they illuminate precisely by not being stars."

Andrew Motion's conversation suggests that his life is now in good shape. He married a year ago, an editor at Chatto, so the firm has provided him with a book, a wife and a job. He is still only in his early thirties. He has a house, a "perfect Pooter house" in Hackney. There are no plans for more biography, but Motion is relieved to find the poetry was waiting for him when the Lamberts were done, "growing up like weeds through stepping stones". He writes a poem a month, "by biological regularity" and feels itchy if he doesn't, but he does so almost casually, not with anxiousness. It remains for him the most enjoyable of all art forms.

Andrew Motion's small office houses trophies from the Indian journey hanging on the walls. They include a row of cane crutches, fashioned in a spirit which serve as ornament and screen. Motion wears carved silver bracelets. Against the wall, when I went to see him, I lent a black cane; not, he said, either an Indian memento, nor a tribute to his fascination with the age of the Lamberts. He has had arthritis in his knees since the age of 17, which "makes me very cross when it rains," and forces on him a "slowed down life of constant reading". More than most, his life has been circumscribed by a small bank of interests.

Not long ago, a friend gave him an astrologer's birth chart she had drawn up of Jane Austen: it showed her life leading in one clear direction, towards solitude and writing. Andrew Motion sees his own in precisely the same pleasurable mould, a contented focus: poetry, biography, publishing.

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Radio

Knowing winks

Topics which refuse to behave themselves on Radio are punished by being turned into quizzes. No matter how good food looks, smells or tastes, it is no great shakes at making a noise, so into a quiz it goes.

The panel of four foodies, coyly jogged along by "your convivial host" Russell Davies, are a lot of aggressively light-hearted tasks like tasting apples ("crunch, stirp, mmmm, I think I recognize this one, mmmm - Russett" or, in the Pythonesque or, "Favourite Utensil Spot" naming their favourite utensil).

How reassuring to know that Robert Robinson is still trundling along avuncularly with Brain of Britain (Radio 4). The only overstatement in the show lies in the title, otherwise a nostalgic, and, it must be said, somewhat campy Home Counties bonhomie predominates. "Be shameless, Mrs Shaw!" says Robinson, in the manner of a 1950s sweet shop owner, a little bit the smart Alec, but always knowing his place. The modesty of the scores (15 to 4), and the merely middle-class sponsors ("Yes, indeed, Sir") lend one the assurance that the heart of England lies not in the flash that winks from the pan, but in self-effacement, decency and a smattering of general knowledge, that the chairman, whatever his ambitions, is under control.

The same pleasant illusion is conjured up by veteran actor Richard Murdoch in A Slight Case of Murdoch (Radio 2). It is a conventional mixture of memories of the great, theatrical disasters, and the veneration of second division comedians, but it is lively and well told. In its early days, he said, the BBC placed a 'ban' on certain areas for jokes, among them chambermaids, honeymoon couples, commercial travellers and rabbits. A similar ban on jokes on quiz shows about other personalities, might the "Sorry, Frank" type, might be worthy of consideration.

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naughty jokes. (He pronounces "basooms") and a chummy knowingsness ("Sorry Frank") he said after making a joke about Frank Bough. Yet his chairmanship of "radio's only card game" - Dealing with Daniels (Radio 2) does manage to make something out of nothing. The questions are silly; the panelists dull; the card game connection contrived; yet the show manages somehow to bubble with jollity.

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Craig Brown

Soul

Squelchy sensuality

SOS Band Hammersmith Oddeon

Suburban cocktail pubs from Uxbridge and Romford must have been deserted as the SOS Band, a 10-piece unit from Atlanta, Georgia, settled into the first of their three London concerts on Thursday evening. They are the latest representatives of the kind of working-class soul music that has nothing to do with nostalgia or conceptual art and everything to do with the old pop-culture preoccupation of living for the weekend.

The distinction has been obvious for some years. While the style-conscious readers of The Face were promoting the ironic eclecticism of Kid Creole or rediscovering the aging Curtis Mayfield, the soul boys and girls were locking themselves into the sensual groove of Maze and the frothy pop-soul of Shalamar. The SOS Band answer the same straightforward urges with, on record at least, a similar efficiency.

Their producers, Terry Lewis and James "Jimmy Jam" Harris, devised a strain of hyper-romantic medium-slow ballads, heavily dependent on simple sentiments, hypnotic repetition and super-charged arrangements for electric instruments - in particular the kind of massive, squelchy-toned keyboard bass that seems capable of lifting the hall off its foundations. It is a seductive noise, very danceable and often explicitly sexy, and the best of the songs, such as "Just the Way You Like It" and "Just Be Good to Me", achieve an authentic quality.

There is, too, a special kind of nausea reserved for the moment when an artist uses a song of which you are particularly fond as a vehicle for girls-versus-boys audience participation. "Tell Me if You Still Care", a torrid duet, is my favourite SOS Band song, but on this occasion its dramatic tension was permitted to sag like a piece of old knicker elastic - which just about sums up the elegance and sophistication of the whole event.

Richard Williams

Theatre

Fables and frissons in old New York

Wonderful Town Palace, Watford

With elephantine musicals progressively devouring and defoliating the West End, it has been left to Watford (in the wake of the Gaiety) to revive this little early collaboration between Leonard Bernstein and the Comden and Green team. Despite the obvious, it is a show that lives up to its title: and it comes as an overdue reminder that musicals can have fire, wit, and intelligence without any loss in popular appeal.

The town, of course, is New York: not the New York of 42nd Street but Christopher Street, Greenwich Village in the mid-30s - a backwater occupied by neighbourhood harts, displaced football heroes, soda-jerks, and old artists. By 1953 when Bernstein teamed up with Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov to adapt the Greenwich Village stories of Ruth McKenney, it was already a romantic memory, a fabled zone of youthful self-discovery remote from the brutal success drive and razzmatzaz of Broadway.

The book tells the tale of two sisters hitting town with all the pent-up energy of an upbringing in Columbus, Ohio. Ruth, the brainy one, besieges editors with unpub-



Ray Lonano and Maureen Lipman

lishable manuscripts. Eileen, the pretty one, wants to break into showbusiness, but finds herself fully occupied in juggling with an ever-lengthening queue of besotted males.

They share central focus throughout the show, with no rivalry but much exhilarating invention. When Eileen (Emily Morgan) at the climax of the first act conga knocks out a slammer, frisson momentarily grips the stage. But not to worry; the curtain then rises on the Christopher Street pen revealing that she has taken

over the blasting operations for a new subway, and under a favoured walk of local dog owners. Much passing trade leers in or falls through their window, from the randy clients of the previous occupant, to Eileen's drug-store admirer.

Against this background, Ruth - marvellously played by a perky, unsinkable Maureen Lipman - gets to deliver Bernstein's classic primer on "One Hundred Ways to Lose A Man" (the trick is to show your intelligence), and sits back in a magazine office while the editor and two crestfallen colleagues join chorus in the innumerable ways in which New York squashes hopeful talent. Then, from the washed-up sporting hero comes a hymn to the academic power of the football. Each of these numbers hits a nail resoundingly and permanently on the head.

When it comes to the plot, you have to go along with the fiction that the editor (Ray Lonano) falls for Ruth; and that an engagement in the writing depths of the Vortex Nightclub counts as an entry into the acting profession. Given the snap of Martin Connor's production, and the sensual pleasure of David Toguri's choreography, I doubt whether there will be many complaints.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Shifts in tone for songs of the sea

LSO/Hickox Festival Hall

Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony is as vast as its subject and in many respects as unattractable. If it had a fault it is that there are moments when it is found wanting for sheer dynamism; no matter how big or bold the gesture may be, frequently it seemed strangely inert.

There are, of course, many things that do work, like the wonderful tonal shift near the end of the first movement, or the sudden unaccompanied passage in the finale, at the words "Wherefor unsatisfied soul?" Somehow, for me, the music never quite takes flight as it should and as that of the later symphonies usually does.

Yet it is justly loved for its grandeur and ambition as for those big moments that all choral societies relish. Certainly the London Symphony Chorus delivered it with a genuine fervour as well as remarkable confidence and vitality, and with only the most rare glimpse of that common disease, a weak tenor.

The two solo singers, the soprano Yvonne Kenny, and the baritone Stephen Roberts,

were no less convincing, each a sensitive but suitably heroic exponent of Whitman's powerfully creative, windswept words. Even the hardened players of the London Symphony Orchestra seemed to find a deep pride in the piece as well as an obvious affection.

The intensely private emotions of Mahler's Ruckertlieder, which came before the interval, made a dramatic contrast with such an evocation of natural phenomenon. Here, the mezzo-soprano Ann Murray was a subtly emotive soloist, making "Ich atmet einen Linden Duft" intensely aromatic and "Im Mitwinter" suitably sinister and mysterious, at least until its closing affirmation of faith.

But in the other worldliness of "Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen" she excelled herself, her fine control creating a rare intensity of expression.

She was matched all the way by the London Symphony Orchestra's principal cor anglais player, Christine Pendrill, who spearheaded a generally excellent orchestral contribution under Richard Hickox's direction.

Stephen Pettitt

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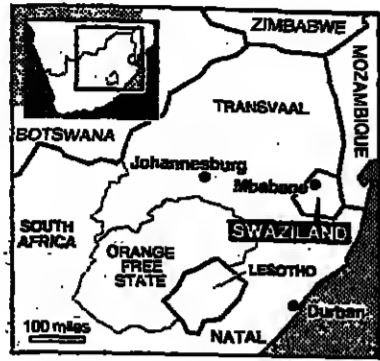
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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

April 26 - May 2, 1986

The day of the left-handed lion



Today jubilant tribesmen in the tiny state of Swaziland are celebrating the coronation of their new boy king. The rituals have been shrouded in a special African brand of secrecy: visitors have been welcome but the locals have brooked no outside interference. Nicholas Shakespeare was among the bemused guests in the warriors' kraal

Warriors with high shields and red feathers in their hair stand by the roadside thumbing a lift to the royal kraal of Luseleni, some miles down the valley beyond the twin peaks of Sheba's Breasts. Here among the thatched mud huts, like upturned shopping baskets, the tribal regiments have been assembling for days. The hut floors may be polished with dung, but they are trod by the real powers of the land. This is the place — a kind of thatched house of Lords — where the major decisions are made and which forms the site of the coronation of Swaziland's king.

Among the crowd converging on the kraal are groups of chanting women. Wrapped in orange and red cloth, blowing whistles and holding the torches by which they cut their wheat at night, they sing new words to an old tune. "We are waiting around to see the King", they chant, rattling small sachets of dried seeds about their ankles. "We're going to the waiting to see the king." The air is heavy with the smell of uncurd hide.

In a warriors' kraal outside the royal enclosure, is a man in a leopard-skin loincloth with five red feathers in his hair and four wives in another town. Only virgins are allowed through the low entrance. Outside his hut monkey tails are stretched on stakes to make his necklaces and belts.

His name is Masodzo, he says, pressing his tongue against his lower teeth. Yes, he is an Elder. Sobhuza was his uncle. As for the new king's prospects, "the world is moving very fast," he says, stroking his monkey tails. "It is difficult to know if he will have the mind of the late King."

Fifteen miles away, at the top of a lush valley of tall grass fields bordered by the mountains is the Swazi capital, Mbabane. Despite a proliferation of flags, it is strangely placid, like a subtropical market town.

At the British High Commissioner's residence, at

the end of a red track overlooking the capital, two Range Rovers are washed again for the arrival of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent (the Rastafarians worshipped the late Duke of Gloucester for attending the 1930 ceremony. Perhaps the Swazis will forever bow at the mention of Princess Michael. Indeed she is already known as the English Princess St Michael of Kent.)

Every day a Captain Watts, seconded from Kneller Hall, the Army School of Music, has been training a band to play the national anthem composed by David Rycroft of



Royal factions flourished in the vacuum

London University. In the downstairs bar of The Tavern, incongruously half-timbered in the style of Berni Inn Tudor, some black girls drink pint mugs of lager and watch two-day old ITN news bulletins and a BBC dramatization of Oscar Wilde.

Swaziland has long been a haven for South Africans who wish to gamble and sleep with black women. A girl called Winnie tells me she is a virgin. She has just broken up with her boyfriend of two years. Lowering her head to my ear she tells me she wants a man she can trust "one hundred per cent".

In the corner a customer slouches in a Coronation t-shirt and winks. Then adjusting his green cap, he totters up to pinch a cigarette. "I'm sorry," he says thickly. "That's bad behaviour for a

member of the royal family." He is a Dlamini, he says, and yet another prince. Everybody seems to be related to royalty in this tiny country. I left him to Winnie, who did not seem too pleased.

Early last century the Swazi King Sobhuza I, better known as Somhlo, wonder of wonders, had a dream. In it he dreamed of a white people entering his kingdom on horses dragged by oxen. When the whites arrived in the 1840s the interpretation of his vision was that they must never be fought.

"When you play a piano, harmony arises from a mixture of black and white keys", said his namesake, Sobhuza II, the last Swazi king, who continued to keep his beautiful, peace-loving country a multi-racial community. "We have seen others swallowed by crocodiles. We have learnt from their lessons."

For most of the 20th century Swaziland dozed quietly, shaped like a distended egg between Marxist Mozambique and apartheid South Africa. It woke with a great snort in 1982 on the death of its patriarch, whose rule since 1921 made him the longest reigning monarch in the world. For a country, like Gulliver, so bound to the ground by traditions, it was a difficult awakening.

The key question was who should succeed Sobhuza: Tradition holds that the heir must be a left-handed minor without a full brother. Of Sobhuza's 60 sons, from an estimated 112 wives (one figure puts his total number of children at 600) the choice fell on 14-year-old Prince Makhosivhe.

Accordingly the youth was dispatched to Sherborne public school in Dorset, where he is affectionately known as Mac. It has been suggested that he was sent not only to get some O levels but also for his own protection. Two years ago a witch doctor was arrested in Dorset allegedly carrying "unauthorized substances" for his poisoning.

In the vacuum left by Sobhuza, royal factions flourished. With the connivance of a 6ft footballing prince called Mfanasilili, the Queen Regent was replaced in 1982 by



Spoiled for choice: Crown Prince Makhosivhe at the reed dance; 10,000 barebreasted virgins competed to be his bride

Having several months ago issued the coronation date as April 25, officials were recently ordered not to say anything about it, or about the late King, or even about the Prince. Nor do invitations — dress tribal or lounge suit — give any time.

Such is the absurd air of secrecy that we are forced to chew over some of the facts we do have: at the last coronation in 1921 Sobhuza wore an ivory codpiece; today's Crown Prince chose his first wife, Poppy, from a reed dance two years ago by video-taping the 10,000 barebreasted virgins and taking the tape back to Sherborne. In one of the ceremonies performed by the prince during his last summer holidays he had to kill a lion. Unfortunately, lions are extinct in Swaziland so one had to be imported from South Africa. The couriers were so concerned for the prince's safety that they dragged the beast and only then did he nobly slay it.

The local papers yield little more information. "Booze ban" is the headline of one, beneath which is carried the Prime Minister's decision to lock up anyone found drunk. The only other news is a

decision by the goalkeeper of the Dribbling Wizards to remain in the team. "I couldn't leave the Wizards without the blessing of Prince Mfanasilili", he said of his incarcerated patron.

Promise to an end of speculation came with an announcement of a press briefing. This was held in a large hall behind the Royal Swazi Hotel — and Casino — which had been designated for foreign dignitaries like P.W. Botha and Maureen Reagan, daughter of Ronald. The 400 journalists were asked to begin proceedings by standing up and praying. We were then addressed by the chief of protocol, Mr Dube, a small man in a brown suit. "I'm very tired," he began, and then asked us to imagine the chief of protocol as the shock absorber in a car. The difficulties of satisfying the press requirements of the modern world were plainly telling.

He told us we could not grab an elder or go into the royal kraal. "The Swazis are policemen", he said, attempting another metaphor. "When you hide in my house, tomorrow I take you to the policeman." He warned us not

to be deceived by appearances. "The richest man in the land has a metre of cloth round his waist and lives in a hut surrounded by 1,000 cattle. He is richer than you are", he added, his voice rising. "He can employ you."

The assembled journalists, however, were more interested in information than employment. Any information at all. Who was coming? What was happening? When? Where? But the briefing ended inconclusively with another prayer.



The facts lay behind the kraal doors

In the dark outside, I caught sight of Sir John Curle. Our former ambassador to Liberia, he had been advising the Swazis for two months on the protocol. "I'll be all right on the night", he promised confidently. As he scratched his blue polo-neck I could all but detect a Cheshire cat smile at the way the Swazis had so charmingly sidestepped "the galaxy of the international community", as the press had been so flatteringly described within. In this way privacy and dignity were being preserved.

In the event, no one was allowed to witness the private rituals on Thursday night and early Friday morning at which Makhosivhe assumed his mantle as Lion of the Swazis. Connected with the phases of the moon, and involving herbal distillations and impromptu incantations, Makhosivhe was bathed in secret fluids and in the afternoon presented to his feathered regiments.

Today at the Somhlo stadium, clad in spear and shield, he will dance with his people to the tune of special coronation music (soon to be released on an EMI label). Tomorrow he will invite his whole nation to a garden party. Then it's back to Sherborne for his O-levels.

Dlamini's turbulent dynasty

The king is the embodiment of the Swazi nation. (He also has 34 telephone numbers.) One of only three ruling royal families in Africa — the others are those of Morocco and Lesotho — the House of Nkosi-Dlamini can, orally at least, trace its way back to Dlamini I, who in the late 16th century led his followers from the north-west to settle along the Komati River.



The late King Sobhuza II, with battleaxe, in 1923

The history of the royal family is spangled with rich characters. King Ndvungane, struck by lightning; Ndvungane, clubbed to death for poisoning the seven-year-old heir (poisoning and witchcraft being very much part of Dlamini tradition); Maswati II's fifth wife, known as "Medvolamafina" — "Short Thighs" in Swati, the national language.

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There was an absurd air of secrecy

Makhosivhe's mother. Then Prince Mfanasilili himself was put on trial, charged with corruption. It is speculated that Makhosivhe's coronation has been put forward to legitimize the power of the dual monarchy which he will share with his mother Queen Ntombi, as of yesterday the Great She Elephant. Mbabane, though surprised by western interest, is agreeably immune to it. The Swazis, a cheerful, self-confident people, are installing their king. Visitors are welcome so long as they do not interfere. It was not just our own small contingent who had materialized in Swaziland. The world's journalists had descended, hungry for hard and exotic information. Yet as with much of Swaziland's power, the facts lay behind the kraal doors of the Elders (who only become known when they fall from favour). In a land where tradition is married to modernity and is very much the dominant partner, it is they who decide the course of events and any information to be released. "Elders see a virtue in postponing any decision until the last moment", said a European diplomat. "It depends on how the spirits take them." This week the spirits are keeping their distance.



Eyes on the throne: hope in the heart of a reed dancer

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TRAVEL

Amid the silent pine and birch forests sliced by vast shimmering lakes, Hilary Finch changes from a tourist to a traveller

From the heart to the Finnish

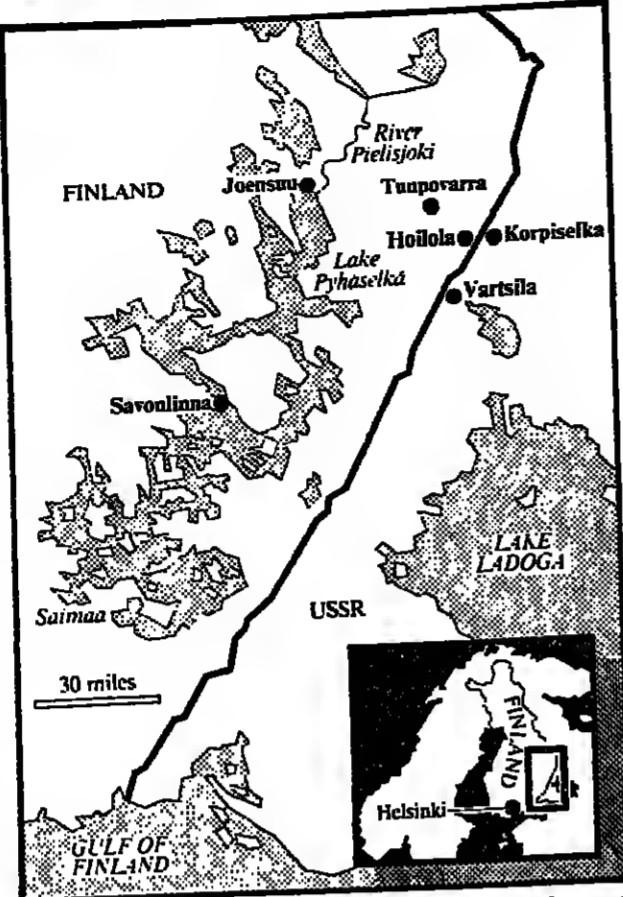
Is Finland a sea congested with islands, or is it one huge forest sunk with lakes? Ten minutes before landing in the heart of North Karelia, the question, and any possible answer, is not a little disconcerting. The dense pine and birch forests yield grudgingly to a sliver of a runway, inches away, it seems, from the next watery expanse, and the plane has landed.

Joensuu must be the tiniest airport in the western world: beyond the shed which serves as cafe, baggage reclaim and ticket office, lies a sturdy lumberjack of a town, less glamorous than its festive neighbour, Savonlinna, but a perfect centre for exploring the land of the *Kalevala*, Finland's great folk story epic, and the spiritual and cultural heart of the country.

North Karelia in general, and Joensuu in particular, is just the sort of place to make the tourist feel like a traveller once again.

Nothing, except the irresistible flat, spicy pasties, filled with hot potato puree, is handed to you on a plate. The signposts in this land, developed on the very periphery of European political, trading and cultural influences, are all but impenetrable.

The language, stubbornly independent from the familiar European, Scandinavian or Slav root systems, seems to bear no resemblance to anything you've ever seen before. Does the road lead to a castle, a lake or a public convenience? There's only one way of finding out. And when you do, it's all there: museums full of icons, tiny wooden art galleries, boat trips, canoeing, hiking, fishing. You do the



discovering, and every transport connection and service seems to click into place so well. Joensuu presents its *curriculum vitae* at a glance. A young, virile trading town founded in 1845 where the estuary of the log-thick river Pielisjoki opens out into Lake Pyhäselkä, it is still quietly industrious. Markets, sawmills and steamers bustle on the perimeter of a tidy, sedate residential and university town, planned neatly along the axes of its

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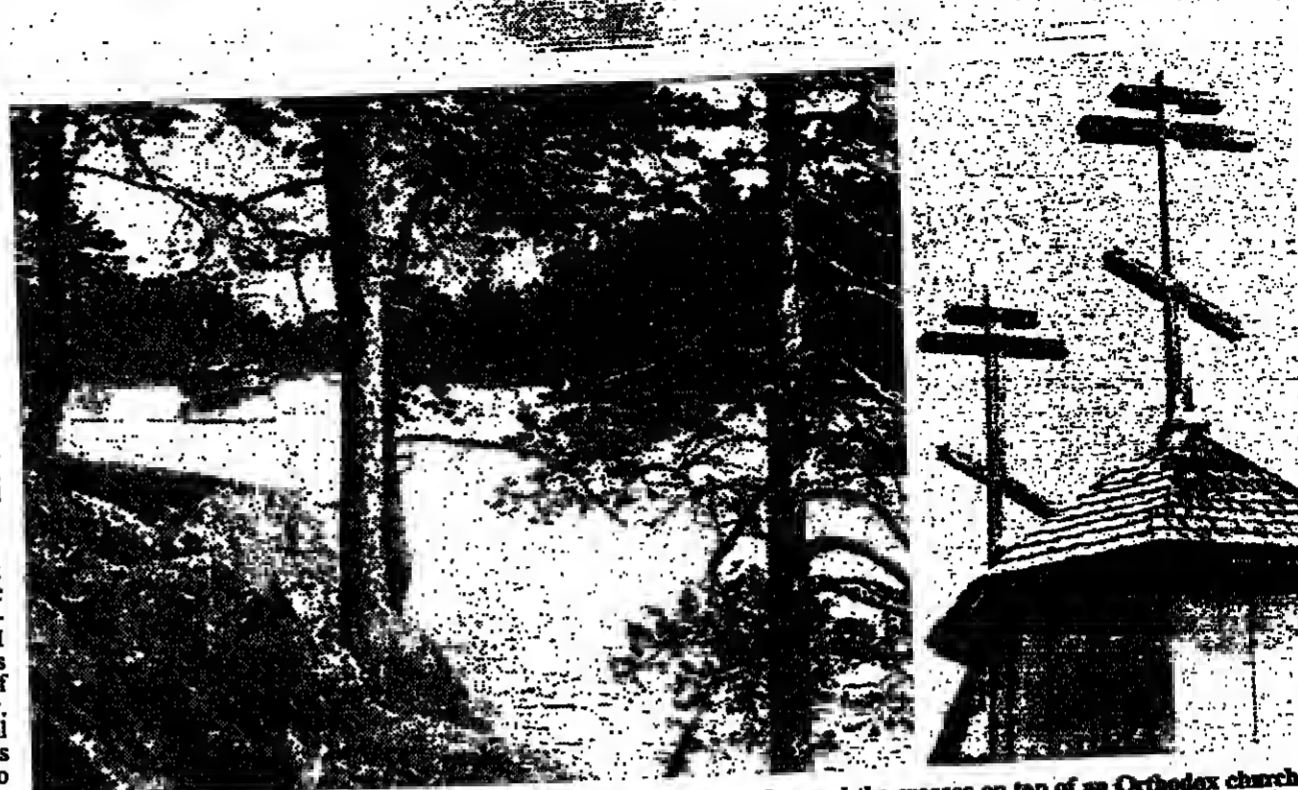
Where the estuary curves into the lake shore and the damp air of the marshy birch woods is heavy with the scent of wild lily of the valley, the Vainoniemi Villa stands like a stage-set for a Chekhov play. A little further on is a massive new open-air stadium, for Joensuu, like any sizeable Finnish town, celebrates the long light days of its short summer with festivals of music, song and street theatre.

Joensuu is at the crossroads of three mapped routes: The Blue Way, the Finnish Lakeland Way, and the Bard and Border Way. With a car, or on one of many planned coach trips, monasteries, lakes and rapids are just minutes away.

Stubbornly sticking out for the longest possible day and fewest possible fellow-travellers, I caught the 7.30am post-bus which trundled in and out of the Bard and Border country, flinging out bundles of mail and newspapers along its route. The Tuusula region has all the fascination of any frontier land: Orthodox shrines, cemeteries, old treaches and fortifications are scattered across sparsely populated, gently undulating expanses of forest, lake and agricultural land.

Tourism is still at its teething stage. At Hoiloila (ooze shop, one church and a lake) a new centre of holiday flats, built in sweet-smelling wood, opened last June.

Korpiselka, spotlessly clean and spacious, with a superb restaurant and crafts centre, was built to commemorate a hotel begun three months before the war, across the



Wood and water: the spirit of Finland glimpsed in the tree-lined lakes and the crosses on top of an Orthodox church

Russian border, then abandoned in 1939. The local residents, who have a strong sense of the historical significance of its renaissance of Finnish soil, are eager to do anything, explain anything for you.

Old Karelian farmhouses are being renovated for accommodation and as lived-in museums of folk culture. The nearest you'll get to reindeer may well be the casserole pot, but for ornithologists, there is a bird sanctuary of great beauty at Lake Säpäri in

oearly Varsila and, for walkers, discreetly burgeoning centres of rest and hospitality in acres of space and silence. Jouko Ahti, who runs the Hoiloila craft centre, will, for the equivalent of about five pounds, row you out to his fishing boat, Rajasui (border wolf), to the Russian border, a sileot, watery no man's land where Finns, tourists, and Russian sentries now gaze at each other through field-glasses across the still, flat water which oow divides the land of Karelia.

TRAVEL NOTES

Finnair flights, London to Helsinki, from £167 return Super Apex to £500 return Executive Class.
A Finnair Holiday Ticket, offering 15 days of unlimited air travel within Finland is available at \$250.
Prices at the new Korpiselka Holiday Centre at Hoiloila, Tuusula, range from about £30 for a single unit to £35 for a double. Dinner in the restaurant from £8.50.

For general and regional information, brochures on farmhouse and self-catering holidays, and a list of operators offering inclusive holidays in Finland, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 68 Haymarket, London SW1 0JF (01-839 4248).
The best modern edition of *Kalevala* is the translation of W. F. Kirby (Athlone Press £9.50 paperback).
This year's Joensuu Song Festival will take place from June 12-15. For a full list of Finland festivals, write to the Tourist Board.

Seasoned reputations on the table

Take recommendations with a pinch of salt, advises Shona Crawford Poole

The embarrassingly bad is even trickier to write about than the sublime. Almost any caustic or intemperate comment will season a culetage sufficiently to banish the thought that it could be advertising, not criticism. A convincing panmning is less easily brought off, and in the case of restaurants, why bother? People do not book tables at places they have ever heard of.

That, however, is just the point. The two worst meals I encountered on my recent travels were eaten in places with good reputations. I would not be alone, of course, in quarrelling with the judgement of the gastronomic guidebooks. But it is very disconcerting to be able to find not a single good word for a famous old restaurant that has three rosettes in the new French edition of the *Guide Michelin*.

There had been no premonition of the disappointment ahead, except, perhaps, that it



Mont Blanc: a splendid feast for the eyes at least

mouthful with my eyes shut. To add insult to injury the staff disappeared before the diners had finished their coffee. It was not 11.30pm. The bill for food alone—one menu at 400 francs, three first courses, three main dishes, and two puddings—was a whopping 1,675 francs. At the exchange rate prevailing in early March that is £176, which could have been justified only if the cooking had been inspired.

Now before my next tale of woe, how about a happy discovery. La Maison de Filippo is in the shadow of Monte Bianco, as they call Europe's tallest peak in Entreeves, the first village you come to on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc tunnel. Its reputation had travelled by word of mouth. "If you are skiing in Courmayeur you

must eat at Filippo's", and with little likelihood of an available evening, I went for lunch.

The old stone house has pleasant rustic furnishings. Country preserves, salamis, hams, fruit and outs are its decorations and feature again on the flat price menu; 30,000 lire translates to about £13.50. The wine is red, white or pink and it is £3 a bottle.

There were so many interesting traditional northern Italian specialties on the menu that choice is difficult. Decisions made, the waitress laughed and said that everything was offered, and so it was. A plate of *prosciutto*, thinly cut slices from the middle of the ham and thicker, sweeter ones from the knuckle, arrived with a platter of salamis to cut at the table.

Tiny, fresh Tomioi cheese with herbs and paprika replaced the meats, and were followed by silver anchovy fillets, tongue in tomato and caper sauce, pickled vegetables, salads, a *bagna cauda* of red peppers and celery baked in oil with anchovies and another local dish of beans baked with pork rind and herbs called *cotechino con fagioli*. To complete this cavalcade came a slice of boiled ham with cabbage, wine cured sausage, potatoes and apple sauce.

Dishes passed between the tables with picnic informality. Then there was a choice of pasta. The ravioli served with a little of its cooking broth set an example of simple excellence, and the roast chicken spiked with rosemary which followed was as good as a chicken can be.

I blush to recount that the house ice-cream with honey

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TRAVEL

Sails set for sea dogs

John Young tests Turkish waters, accompanied by Brian, an amiable surfing hound

With tourism supplanting travel, holidays have become increasingly predictable. So it was a stimulating change to join a small group on a sailing holiday to Turkey.

As a one-time yachtsman of modest pretensions, I use the word "sailing" rather loosely; all the seamanship was left to a professional crew of three and, although our admirable vessel was equipped with stout main and mizzen masts and an ample supply of red canvas, Captain Nejat showed a distinct preference for the diesel engine as the quickest means of getting from one anchorage to the next. Perhaps "boating" would be a better term.

Turkey has in recent years become an increasingly popular cruising ground. The Anatolian coast, mostly uninhabited rock and scrub,

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rises in places to mountainous heights and - indented by thousands of deep water coves - it has all the stark, bright beauty of neighbouring Greece, whose islands nuzzle the Aegean coast.

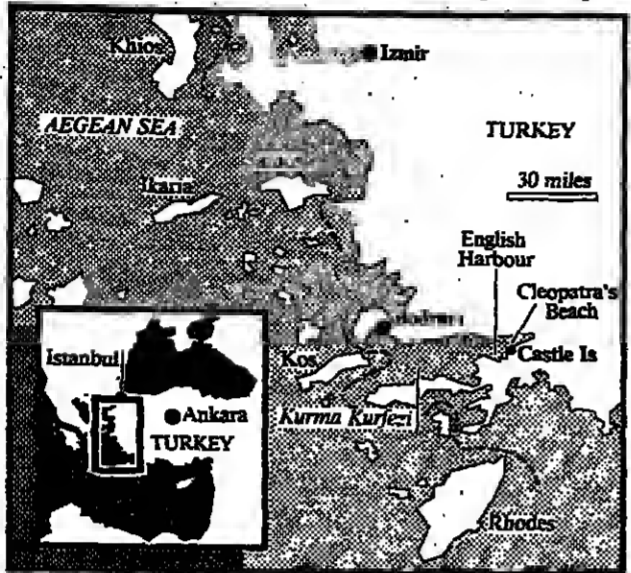
For much of the year there is a steady stream of traffic between the Greek islands and the Turkish mainland, mostly cruise liners and ferries, but also a significant proportion of private yachts. East meets west at dozens of junctures, but suggestions that the whole area must be a smugglers' paradise were met with polite evasion.

Turkey is a revelation in two respects. Unlike Greece, it has not yet succumbed to mass tourism, though I dare say that is only a matter of time; and it boasts a vastly superior cuisine. Our meals, whether cooked on board or eaten ashore in isolated tavernas, were delicious and, thanks to a drastic devaluation of the Turkish lire, unbelievably cheap.

As befits a country at the



At anchor: the gulet, built for comfort, but capable of speed



crossroads of Europe and Asia, Turkey has a split personality. Embarrassed by a history of political instability, the pro-westerners emphasize the country's historic links with Europe.

But in the far reaches of the eastern interior, we were given to understand, things are somewhat different; the country is almost wholly Muslim, yet the muftis calling people to pray appear to have little status in a society which rejects Islamic law and has no scruples about such things as western dress, alcohol and pop music.

One of the centres of the boating boom is Bodrum, also known as Halicarnassus, the birthplace of Herodotus. Its main historic attraction, however, has nothing to do with ancient Greece; it is a huge Crusader castle with a central hall, bedecked in banners and pennants, as if straight out of

medieval England. The town is small, compact, clean and charming.

An increasing number of yachts owned by Europeans who are tired of cold, wet summers, are berthed to Turkey; the owners are willing to forgo weekend sailing in exchange for a month or two in the sun, and hope to defray part of the cost by chartering. But ours was not a conventional yacht; it was a local boat known as a gulet and aptly named Lotus. There are dozens of these handsome vessels taking tourists up and down the coast; there is no standard design but they all appear to be ketch-rigged, broad-beamed and with a fairly shallow draught.

Some 60ft long and with an 18ft beam, Lotus can sleep 10 passengers and three crew; in fact we were only six, including our Turkish host, Teo, and

his English wife, plus an amiable sheepdog called Brian. Although clearly designed for comfort, a gulet can, I imagine, achieve a fair speed under sail.

But the sight and experience were denied us, since the daily routine was to motor a few miles along the coast, drop anchor and spend the rest of the day eating, drinking, swimming and sunbathing. One day we were under way at Sam "in order to get the journey over with", which hardly seemed quite the purpose of a boating holiday.

But it would be churlish to complain. Apart from a highly dramatic thunderstorm on the second afternoon, we enjoyed idyllic weather.

Our leisurely week took us round the gulf south and east of Bodrum, which according to my atlas is called Kerme Kiritel, and includes a large bay known as English Harbour; it was used as a secret refuge by the Royal Navy during the Second World War. It seemed entirely appropriate that the first person we saw as we rounded the headland was a middle-aged swimmer wearing a Panama hat.

Another day was spent on Castle Island which, besides a

We saw a middle-aged swimmer wearing a Panama

mysterious collection of ancient ruins overgrown with pine scrub, also boasts Cleopatra's Beach, so called because Mark Antony is reputed to have shipped the sand from Egypt for the decoration of his paramour.

Gulets tend to follow each other to the same anchorages, so that we found ourselves in fairly constant company with one full of toppers Dutch girls and another full of English Hoorary Henrys who were all right except when they became extremely drunk and began throwing water bombs. Even Brian the dog rather took exception to that.

TRAVEL NOTES

Golden Horn Travel (01-434 1962) can arrange two week cruise packages for between £515 and £839 a person, depending on the time of year. McCulloch Marine (01-452 7505) will charter boats from £862 to £2,277 a week for 6-12 people and will also arrange flights.

EATING OUT

Mouth watering lakeside



Unstilled: Ullswater

Lakeland is a showcase for British food, England's gastronomic Riviera. So what is special about British food? Well, dessert comes before the cheese, and if you are not in your seat by 8.30pm, you are lucky to eat at all.

John Tovey is the Master of Miller Howe, a boarding house on the grand scale above Windermere. His cooking has filled a pile of cuttings albums two foot high with enthusiastic reviews.

Mr Tovey used to run a repertory theatre, and it shows. He plays to packed houses and likens a meal to a five-act drama. Miss the soup and you will never follow the plot. The audience are ushered to their seats together, the lights dim, and the food is served like a pageant. No choice before the dessert. Yet for all the showmanship and fame, there is nothing squeamish: chunky liver baked to a reassuring softness, bacon bits like bullets to the salad.

The star of the show, paraded under the spotlights, is roast leg of lamb. Lakeland lamb is, indeed, so excellent that a Westmorland Gazette literary luncheon at Trust House Forte's Old England Hotel quite puts Foyle's at the Dorchester in the shade. Mr Tovey's lamb, beset with seven vegetables, has not a hint of pink. Hung for three-and-a-half weeks, it could possibly kill you with salmonella poisoning if it did.

At White Moss House by Rydal Water, Susan Butterworth recruited Peter Dixon for her parents' kitchen by

Again there is no choice before pudding; service is at 8pm, and if the hotel and neighbouring cottages are full, there are only four spare spaces for casual callers. The wine list is excellent.

According to the Good Food Guide, the chef at Michael's Nook (a mansion) above Grasmerie is William MacLeod. Egov Roway says it is Paul Vidick. They are both wrong, and the surprising thing is that it does not matter. Proprietor Reg Gifford, sick of seeing his chefs poached as frequently as the salmon, did not vouchsafe a name for the A.N. Other trainees currently in the kitchen. Anyway, the meal was terrific. And I chose it myself. Well, all but my mulligatawny soup, I did. My visit coincided with the third return of the West Riding Food and Wine Society, no mean judges evidently.

But the noblest host of Lakeland has to be the patrician Francis Coulson at Sharrow Bay on unstilled Ullswater. Incredibly he is dismissed with a mere red M in the current Michelin. More sensitive than even his finest ingredients (fresh scallops are delivered at midnight) he has suffered cruelly unjust criticism in the past. But this is as close to professionalism as British cooking comes. With twelve in the kitchen the ever-changing menu is magnificent, and you can not only choose what you eat, but be spoilt for choice.

Robin Young

Plaudits on a plate for Park Lane



Charles Wilson (right) presents the award to Rocco Forte

"The excellence of the cooking is awe-inspiring." That was the Saturday section's verdict on Ninety Park Lane, the flagship restaurant of Trust House Forte.

Its culinary brilliance earned it *The Times*'s Restaurant of the Year Award, and last week Mr Charles Wilson, Editor of *The Times*, presented the trophy to Mr Rocco Forte, Chief Executive of THF.

In our Eating Out column, we reported that "despite the multinational corporation image of THF, their restaurant had a personal touch to it which made it the most enjoyable venue for a treat. Louis Outlier provided the backbone of the menu, but it had been expanded, interpreted and executed by a rising young British chef, Vaughan Archer".

Mr Archer was also at the presentation together with Mr Matt Buccianti, General Manager of Grosvenor House.

DRINK

Winning ways at the sales

MAY WINES

Whatever will those auction rooms think of next? Instead of conducting sales in the dignified and discreet elegance of their plush London sale rooms, they are off gallivanting around the countryside.

Next Thursday there is an important spring race meeting at Newmarket, with the classic 1,000 Guineas Stakes as the highlight of the afternoon. It happens that Tattersalls, the famous bloodstock specialists based in Newmarket, were founded in the same year as Christie's, in 1766, and to celebrate this happy coincidence they invited Christie's to hold a wine sale in the Tattersalls Sales Ring on a race day.

The auction house has put together a complete package for the whole day, for £55. Starting at 8.15am from 8 King Street, London SW1, it consists of a champagne breakfast, followed by the tasting and wine sale on arrival in Newmarket, then lunch plus the races, arriving back in London at about 7.30pm.

But it is more than a day out at the races; this small 250-lot wine sale has some fine claret vintages on offer, including '49s, '61s, '66s, '70s and '82s, plus some excellent burgundies from Prosper Maufoux sold under the Marcel Amance label. More humble lots are also available including Beaujolais, Loire and Rhone wines.

Having started May with a bang, cost-conscious wine drinkers who still want to celebrate the arrival of spring in style may well like to be reminded of the bargain sparkling wine buy of 1985. I try not to repeat recommendations in this column, but this wine is still so ridiculously good and ridiculously cheap it would be folly not to do so.

First I wrote about G.F. Cavalier Brun three years ago. Since then it has had a come change, from the original Chevalier to Cavalier, due to the Burgundian firm of E. Chevalier & Fils objecting to the similar name. I have also just learnt a good deal more about Caves de Wissembourg, who make G.F. Cavalier.



This streamlined, splendidly equipped place north of Strasbourg combines the quality of French wine with Teutonic efficiency, for it is German owned. The price has increased only fractionally since 1984 from £2.25 to £2.49 (Majestic Wine Warehouses, Odonsdon, £2.59), but its quality is still high. G.F. Cavalier Brun is still a fresh, apply and deliciously drinkable wine.

For the most part, the quality of wine from the hot, arid country of Israel is pitifully low. However, the Rothschilds have been involved with the industry since the late 19th century and today almost three-quarters of Israel's wine comes from two impressive Rothschild-donated wineries to the north and south of Tel Aviv, whose wines are sold under the Carmel brand name.

I recently tasted an excellent red, Ein Gedi, from the Samson region of Israel made at the Carmel winery at Richon-le-Zion south of Tel Aviv. This pale crimson, 11 per cent alcohol wine was made from those southern French grapes of Carignan and Petite Syrah, and its light, fresh, raspberry-like fruit makes it a useful spring red. Priced at an extraordinarily low £1.39 from Tesco for the 75cl bottle, it is another May bargain.

Jane MacQuitty

THE TIMES COOK

A healthy shade of spring greens

Shona Crawford Poole stumbles across some seasonal and colourful dishes

Filleting several dozen back numbers of *Vogue* for their cookery articles passed a pleasant evening. Seeing Tessa Traeger's strong and beautiful food photographs spread out on the floor was to be delighted again by her creative eye. Arabella Boxer's words stand re-reading equally well and I dived over the job of filing the cuttings.

One recipe which I had not noticed when it was published a few years ago jumped from the page. It was for a risotto verde, an uncomplicated dish of rice cooked in stock and coloured with spinach juice. It did not sound all that promising, and I am not sure why I tried it except that I have liked so many of her recipes over the years.

It is a dish to please aesthetes and trenchermen alike and has just the right touch of spring to bridge the awkward gap between winter roots and the first home-grown asparagus.

Risotto verde
Serves two to four
170g (6oz) raw spinach
30g (1oz) butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 shallots, finely chopped
225g (8oz) arborio rice
750ml (1 1/4 pints) home-made chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Extract the juice from the spinach in a juice maker. Alternatively, blend or process it without additional liquid until it is a fine purée, then squeeze out the juice, by wringing the pulp in a clean cloth. Set the juice aside.

Put the butter and oil in a large, heavy-based pot and add the shallots. Soften them in the fat, then stir in the rice. Continue stirring the rice on a low heat while at the same time beating the stock to boiling point in another pan.

Stir a ladleful of hot stock into the rice, and continue stirring it gently on a low heat until the stock has been almost completely absorbed. Add more stock, a ladle at a time, until most or all of it has been absorbed and the rice is almost tender.

Add the spinach juice, stirring until it is partially absorbed as well. Season the dramatically coloured risotto with salt and pepper to taste and serve it at once with a sprinkling of freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Stirring is an important part of the risotto-making process. The fat grains of arborio rice are rubbed together to produce a creamy sauce in which the rice is perfectly suspended. The risotto should be moist rather than wet, and each grain of rice should offer a little bite of resistance.



Frittata verde
Serves two
3 large eggs
A small handful of cooked, chopped spinach
A small handful of raw, shredded sorrel
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or mixed herbs
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon butter

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat them lightly. Stir in the spinach, sorrel, parsley, herbs and seasoning. Heat a small omelette pan and add the butter. Pour in the eggs and cook them slowly, without stirring, until they are almost cooked. Finish the frittata by cooking the top under a heated grill. Serve it hot, warm or even cold.

Small warm or cold frittatas can take the place of sandwiches on picnics.

A few leaves of tender young spinach or sorrel can also be included in this watercress and pear salad. It is particularly good with rich meats like duck, pork or ham, served hot or cold as the occasion or weather dictates.
Watercress and pear salad
Serves two
1 bunch watercress
1 ripe pear
1 tablespoon lemon juice
For the dressing
30g (1oz) Roquefort cheese
4 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

peeling it if you like, and cut it into slices. Stir these in the lemon juice before adding them to the bowl.

Blend the cheese, milk, oil and seasonings to a smooth creamy dressing. Just before serving the salad, toss the leaves and fruit in the dressing.

With the addition of a few walnut halves and cottage cheese, watercress and pear salad makes a good light lunch.

Fenugreek leaves are used for making *methi gosht*, one of the best dry lamb curries. Methi, or fenugreek, is also an excellent addition to spinach soup.
Spinach and methi soup
Serves four
2 tablespoons oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large potato, peeled and chopped
300g (2lb) fresh spinach or 450g (1lb) frozen spinach, thawed
1 bunch methi (fenugreek leaves)
1.2 litres (2 pints) home-made chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Chopped chives or spring onion tops to garnish

IN THE GARDEN

Box clever for mini marvels

Not everybody wants a large garden. Nor is it necessary; it is still possible to have a marvellous mini-garden display in window boxes, hanging baskets or free-standing pots.

It is important not to put window boxes on sills that are not big enough for them - and make sure they are securely fixed. Otherwise they may drop on somebody's head.

The same goes for hanging baskets; remember, a window box or hanging basket is considerably heavier when it is watered. Drips from boxes or baskets are inclined to stain, and if left unattended could leave an unsightly mark on the path patio or yard. The skilled gardener will make the containers waterproof and not overwater.

Containers require some time to establish before they are moved out into the open, so they should be made up about now. Most plants used for these situations are half-hardy or have at least been grown under cover.

The secret of success is a good rich soil base to which your plants can grow. New window boxes and hanging baskets can be filled with new compost. Go for soilless compost such as Levington, Arthur Bowers, Verdley or PBI soilless compost. Line the box with compost, plant the specimens and fill in the gaps to ensure the container is well-filled. When watered the compost does not wash away from the root balls.

Boxes which have been used before are a little different. Ideally you should change the compost regularly. Make as good a job as the pocket will manage, remove some of the compost and add fresh compost to improve the quality.

Free-standing tubs, boxes and the other types of container used require the same treatment. A complete change of compost is needed at the



High spot: a hanging basket

end of the year. As for window boxes and the like, do everything possible to make sure the soil is right.

Free-standing containers are filled using the same principles. The compost can be stronger in this case. You should still use the soilless compost, but if required you can make up a John Innes mixture. Always leave enough space at the top of the tub so it can be watered after planting.

In a large tub there should be an inch between the top of the compost and the rim of the tub. Once filled, the containers can be planted if there is shelter and you are satisfied that the plants can stand the weather. Plant now and wear them so that when they do go into their permanent positions they will not suffer. Watering at this time is very important as the plants are at their most vulnerable.

Ashley Stephenson

QUESTION TIME

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We have an eight-year-old *Peregrine Peach* tree in a cold greenhouse. The fruits, thinned to about 6in apart, drop off the tree before they are ripe. We have netting to catch the fruit, but it still gets bruised. What can we do?

Peaches often shed their fruit if the crop is too heavy. You say the fruits are about 6in apart; this is not nearly enough. With trees under glass, watering is much more important than with trees growing out in the borders. The tree needs plenty of water, particularly when the fruit is stoning. It will get no natural water, so make sure the tree never gets a chance to dry out.

Before moving to my present address I was always able to grow *Lily of the Valley*, but here I have failed four times. Why?

Lilies of the Valley can be temperamental, but given good conditions there is no reason why they should not grow. The soil should be water retentive but at the same time well-drained; it should also have a high organic content. They will grow in full sun, but prefer partial shade. Prepare the ground well by adding well-rotted organic matter. Plant in short clumps, four to six crowns, in September to October, and do not plant deeply. The point of the crown when planted should be about an inch below the surface. Make sure they do not dry out immediately after planting.

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SHOPPING

How to bring the good times home

Faithfulness to the period is the key to restoring houses successfully, says Beryl Downing

How des. is your res? You have only to look at estate agents' jargon to realize that attitudes to older properties have changed considerably over the last 10 years — and particularly since the Prince of Wales made us all aware of the carbuncles in our midst. Period properties are no longer "tastefully modernized". The magic phrase that puts an extra thought on the selling price is "authentically restored".

The problem for most house owners is tracking down the authenticity. Where do you find the right front door, the exact ceiling rose, the bannisters, the railings, the window frames and fireplaces that are not too early and not too late for your particular restoration?

One of the best ways to begin is to join a society which specializes in your period. There is one for each of the main groups — Georgian, Victorian and Thirties — and they offer publications and events each year, including outings to houses and buildings not normally open to the public, lectures, study weekends and walks round historic streets.

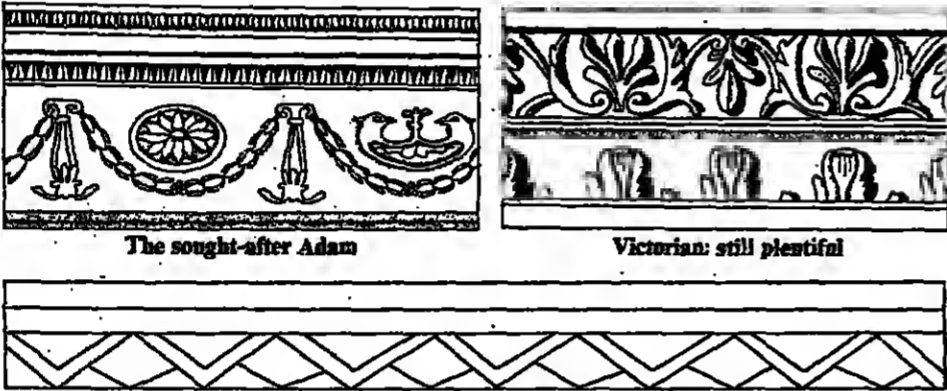
The membership fee is modest — about £10 a year, plus the cost of the extra events — so the staffs are small and cannot cope with individual problems. For more detailed advice you need the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The main concern of its organizers is the repair of historic buildings and they have published several technical pamphlets at £1 each which would help those with less grand projects — damp problems, electrical wiring or



Period perfection: the original Victorian drawing room at Linsley Sambourne House

CORNICES



The sought-after Adam

Victorian: still plentiful

An example from the 1930s

fire prevention, for example — in old houses.

There are also two technical secretaries who can give general advice by telephone and a group of 26 architects with specialized knowledge of historic buildings who can give on-site advice. A file of craftsmen whose work is known is also available.

It is not necessary to own a listed building to take advantage of the society's expertise.

The organizers are particularly concerned at the moment with agricultural buildings — many good examples worth preserving have shown up in the current re-survey of the country by the Department of the Environment — but they would not turn their noses up at a simple Victorian conversion. It is not even necessary to be a member to consult the society: "We are here for the buildings rather than the

people", its secretary says.

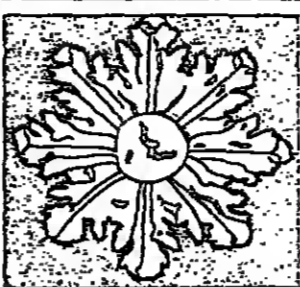
If your problem is one of detail rather than structure, you will know how difficult it is to find well documented references. Charles Brooking is the expert to visit to learn about period detail; he has a remarkable collection in Guildford of windows, doors, knockers, rainwater heads, fire grates and staircases, all salvaged from important houses which have now been demolished. The collection is purely for reference — nothing is for sale.

An exhibition of his windows representing three centuries of style is on show at the Building Centre in London until May 1.

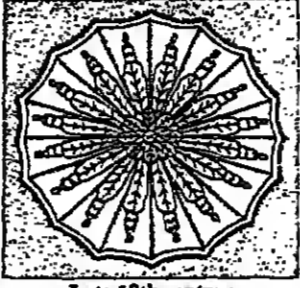
One of the most noticeable trends, according to many architectural historians, is that more attention is being paid to Thirties architecture. Art deco has been fashionable in ceramics, jewellery and furniture for several years, but until recently has anyone other than a few specialists considered houses of the period worth preserving?

"It is very important to remember that the vast majority of arts and crafts buildings were not very 'modern'", says Roderick Gradidge, an architect who has studied the period and is vice-chairman of the Thirties Society. "There are few examples of real arts and crafts houses and the ones that do exist are very grand and very expensive."

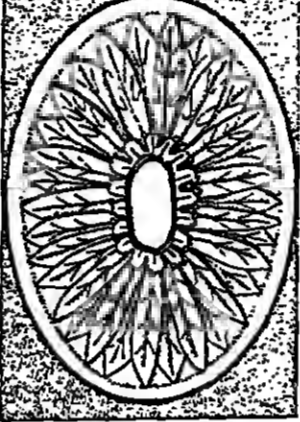
CEILING ROSES



Mid 18th century



Late 18th century



Early 19th century

Advice from the experts

© Dan Cruickshank of the Georgian Group: Use traditional techniques where possible — for example, tack pointing, which was a very fine form of pointing used for embellishment in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Never paint outside brickwork. By 1740 London terraced houses were made of grey/brown bricks instead of red and by 1760 cool grey bricks, light cream paint and white Portland stone were popular both in London and fashionable provincial towns like Bath.

Panelling was never used in London terraced houses after the mid-18th century. From 1750 plaster was preferred for wall covering and decoration.

© Ian Grant, deputy chairman of the Victorian Society: Look for the dominant characteristic of the building and go along with it. Keep moulded skirtings.

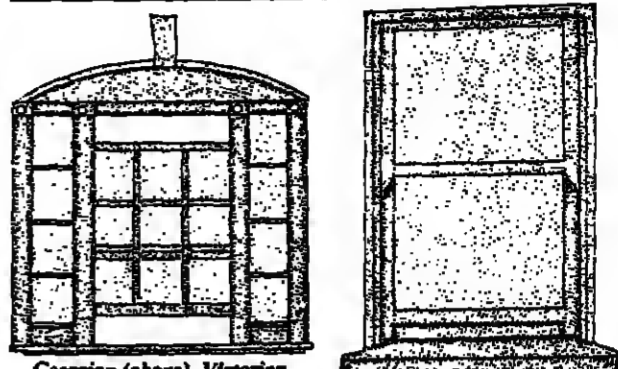
If a builder says something can't be obtained, it means he can't be bothered; go to another builder. There are plenty of craftsmen about.

Never flush doors or fit steel windows or aluminium handles in any Victorian building.

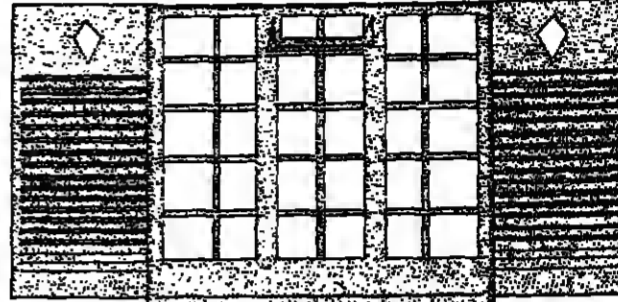
© Roderick Gradidge, vice-chairman of the Thirties Society: In neo-Tudor houses, keep leaded lights, brick fireplaces and beams. Often the beams put into this style of house were genuine old timbers taken from older farm buildings.

Never stick false stone facades on twenties and thirties suburban semis

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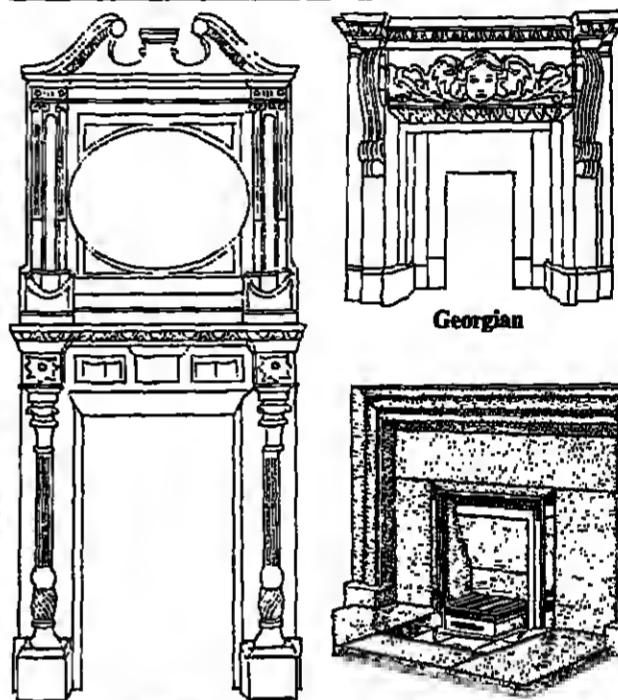


Georgian (above), Victorian



Adaptability in the 1930s

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From the 1930s

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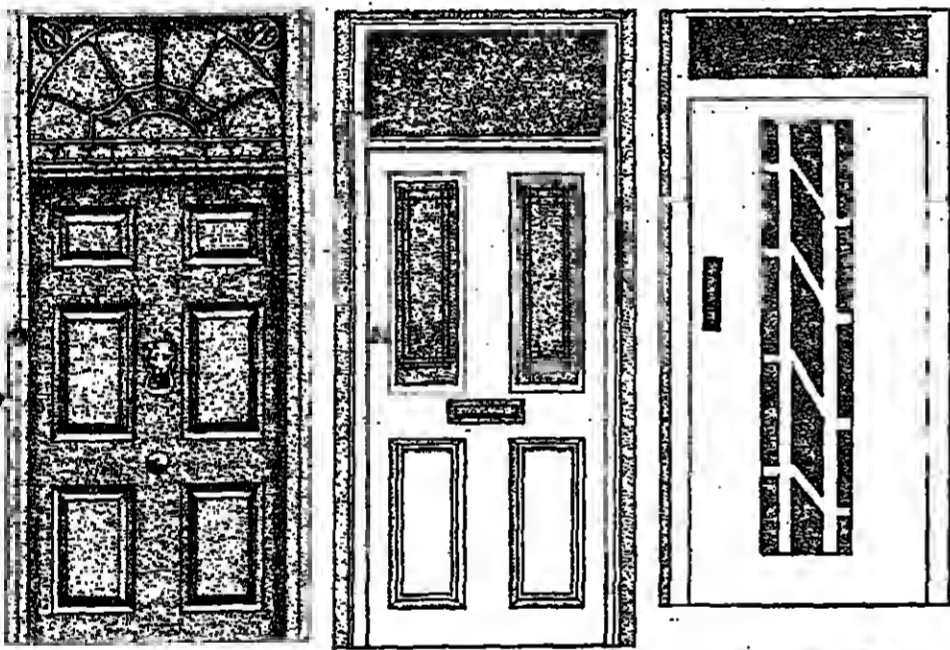
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DOORS



Georgian

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COLLECTING

Pencils to rewrite the history books

The fountain pen was first mentioned by Samuel Pepys who, given that even the excellent Shorter Pepys doubles as a doorstop, had plenty of scope for experiment. Most people think of the fountain pen as the apogee of civilized writing technology, betraying a sentimental attachment to letter-writing and ignoring the rich and strange developments in writing equipment throughout the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The Writing Equipment Society, created six years ago, is the recommended starting point for anyone interested in these arcane collectables.

Gerald Sattin, founder member of the society, has a Charles II travelling scribe's set, not to mention a Gentleman's Writing Companion, the Georgian answer to Filofax. Made by A. J. Strachan in 1810 it has a three-inch ruler, a perpetual calendar, a seal top and a quill holder behind which a lead pencil neatly slides out. Very rare and worth around £1,000, it is fashioned in 18-carat gold. The Charles II example in silver was made around 1670 with a trefoil quill holder that unscrews from the top of the skirted inkwell but can be rescrewed in the base, so the travelling scribe could hold his ink steady in the left hand while writing. All such items are grist to Gerald Sattin's mill, but his real speciality is the propelling pencil.

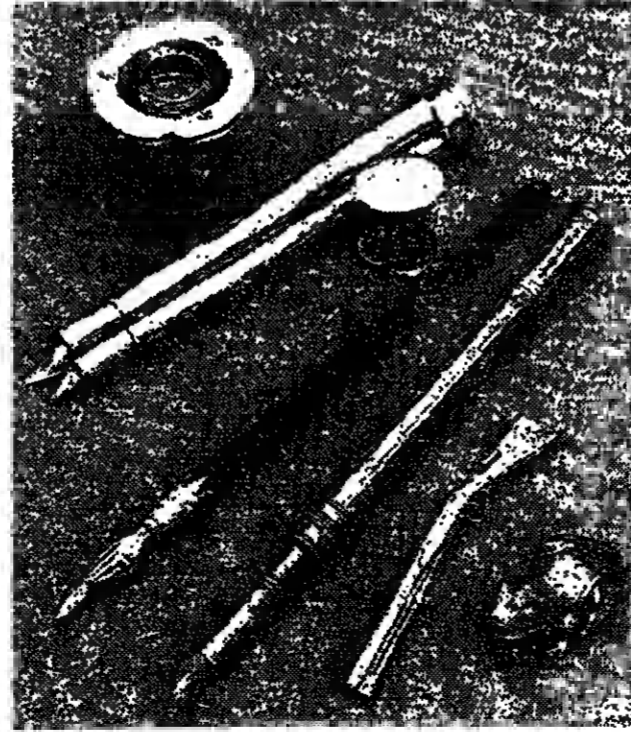
He has devoted his enthusiasm to these objects, both as a private collector and as a dealer at his shop in the Burlington Arcade, London, because — they are not only intricately worked pieces of

silver and gold but also fine examples of engineering. We are indebted to Mr Gabriel Riddle and Mr Sampson Mordan for the development of the propelling pencil which led to the zenith of extravagant novelties in the 1870s.

The patent for the propelling pencil was registered in 1822 and developed in 1823 by Mr Riddle, the engineer, and Mr Mordan, the factory owner. Some of their first efforts were combined with the quill pen so that one slim, exquisite piece of silverwork might produce a quill pen at one end and a propelling pencil at the other.

From the 1840s novelty began to affect the fashion to writing equipment. The Victorian obsession with novelty was combined with exquisite workmanship. Mr Sattin has an early Victorian silver quill holder modelled in the form of a hand, the engraved cuff separated by a gold band, a turquoise ring on the fourth finger and the whole set on an ebony shaft. Another craftsman, Ger-vase Wheeler, fashioned a propelling pencil in the form of a percussion musket. The pencil leads are stored in the butt, the hinge of which is invisible. The pencil shoots out of the mouth of the guo when the notch on the barrel is slid forward.

By 1870 Mr Mordan, having parted company from Mr Riddle, had got into his stride with novelties maker. His ingenuity was formidable: a policeman's lantern with the reservoir for the leads in the top and the pencil released by



Write stuff: (from top) a Charles II trefoil quill holder with top and inkwell for the travelling scribe; ebony-shafted pen with quill held by a silver band with a turquoise ring and gold cuff; Gentleman's Writing Companion in silver, with calendar, ruler, seal top, quill holder and lead pencil; propelling pencil whose lead shoots out of the gan's mouth; propelling pencil operated by pulling frog's tail

pulling the base; a silver-gilt frog whose mouth produced a propelling pencil when its tail was pulled; an Egyptian mummy with the pencil protruding from its toes.

The modest propelling pencil is a miniature example of the inventive mechanical ingenuity of the Industrial Revolution. Being rare, the pencils sell at less-than-modest prices: £95 to £800. But as Gerald Sattin says: "They liked to make things that amused people and the beauty of it was that they actually worked."

Victoria Mather

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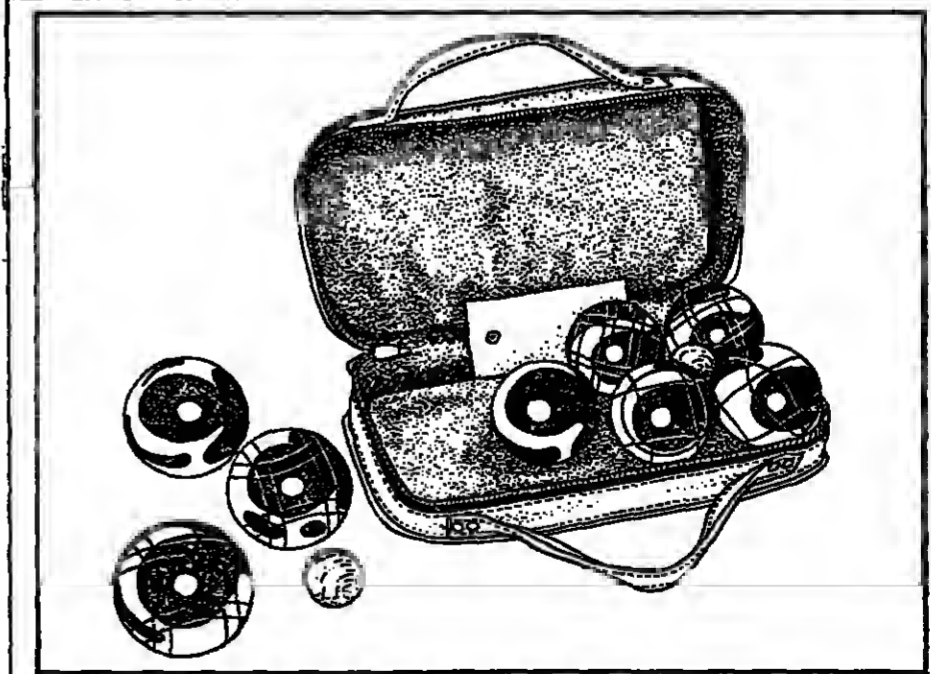
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REVIEW

Finding the key to exotic lyricism

Lyle Mays (Geffen 924 097/1) 24097)
Dino Saluzzi: Once Upon a Time - Far Away in the South (ECM 1809)
Trevor Watts: Moiré Music (ARC 02)
First House: Eréndira (ECM 1307)

As the keyboardist with the deservedly popular Pat Metheny Group, Lyle Mays knows how to combine jazz and rock in such a way that neither idiom is vandalized.

Mays' first solo album will delight those who treasure the epic soundscapes of As Falls Wichita, So Falls Wichita Falls which he and Metheny devised for the ECM label a few years back.

The album's centrepiece, grandly titled "Alaskan Suite: Northern Lights Invocation, Ascent" starts off at a similar unhurried pace. Soon, though, the careful impres-



Lyle Mays: impressionist painter at the piano

sionism is elbowed aside by Acuna's muscular drumming and by the guitar of Bill Frisell, whose almost hysterically screeching figures play off a meandering melody, bringing a contrasting note of urgency to an otherwise well-mannered record.

The mood of exotic lyricism is maintained by the second ECM album from Dino Saluzzi, an Argentine exponent of the bandoneon, the grown-up squeezebox also favoured by the master of "new tango", Astor Piazzolla. Once

Upon a Time - Far Away in the South sets the evocative wheezing of Saluzzi's instrument against the windswept tones of Palle Mikkelborg's trumpet, the brooding lines of Charlie Haden's double bass and the versatile percussion of Pierre Favre, a combination that turns out to represent one of producer Manfred Eicher's happier notions.

Haden's fondness for flamenco, first spotted in his solo on Ornette Coleman's famous "Ramblin'" in 1959, makes him a natural partner for

Saluzzi, while those who were knocked sideways by Mikkelborg's superbly sensitive playing during George Russell's recent British tour will find their enthusiasm reconfirmed here.

Saluzzi manages the difficult feat of playing quite happily and comfortably alongside jazz musicians without needing to pretend that he is one himself. His unaccompanied reading of the tune Haden calls "Silence", little more than a sequence of pungent minor chords, relies on a talent for dramatic restraint very like the composer's own.

Trevor Watts, the accomplished British saxophonist who worked for many years alongside John Stevens in the Spontaneous Music Ensemble, is conducting yet another multicultural adventure. Moiré Music is the title both of Watts' current 10-piece band and of a debut recording which shows it to be as original in concept as it is in instrumentation (four saxophones, two violins, piano, bass, drums and percussion).

Watts' writing for this ensemble blends the techniques of the American systems composers with the jazz-influenced dance bands of the South African townships to create a series of tightly scored overlapping patterns which provide a basis for improvisation. So exciting is the background, however, that the solos (even Watts' own eloquent efforts) can easily pass

unnoticed - or perhaps on a subtler point, that composition and improvisation are inextricably linked, as being made in these two 20-minute pieces.

First House is a young British quartet led by the saxophonist Ken Stubbs and featuring the peripatetic pianist Django Bates, Eréndira, their first recording, comes with the ECM guarantee of technical quality and shows Stubbs to be interested in creating a highly intense, concentrated form of jazz which is nevertheless quite melodic and perfectly accessible.

Stubbs plays both alto and soprano instruments with a pure but attractively yielding tone; he seems to owe no overriding aesthetic debt to any other saxophonist. His compositions, too, have a quality of refinement that makes obvious technical demands on his fellows, who bring off the many tricky unisons and sudden transitions with impressive brio.

Bates, here performing solely on the acoustic piano, plays a very different role from that of the madcap synthesizer wizard he assumes with Loose Tubes, but the somewhat cloistered air of First House's music encourages an equally rewarding facet of his personality. His three compositions, notably the joyful, willowy "Bracondale", make an important contribution to the success of a delightful album.

Richard Williams

THE WEEK AHEAD

Pomposity on an epic scale

TELEVISION

It is very rare to see a programme so bad as to be laughable, never still when the object of derision is a big budget series with a talented cast. But that is the sorry story of Mountbatten: The Last Viceroys (ITV, tomorrow, 7.45-9.45pm; Mon, 9.10pm and 10.30-11.30pm; Tues, 10.30-11.30pm).

The script is pompous, stilted and risible. Yet the story should be an epic. Lord Louis's lifestyle was flamboyant and the bloody partition of India, the jewel in the crown of the British Empire, a tragedy on an enormous scale.

Mountbatten aims for the look-alike and sound-alike school of historical drama, with potted CSE-level asides on the political, social and economic backdrop. But this translates into clichéd clipped English accents and pained expressions of actors, moving like sleepwalkers.

Mountbatten, written by David Butler who shares the dubious distinction of co-authoring Marco Polo, does boast some distinguished credits: Nicol Williamson as the dazzling plenipotentiary to the sub-continent, Janet Suzman as gaily wife Edwina; Ian Richardson as the blacked-up Hindu leader Nehru and Nigel Davenport as the crusty, cigar-chomping Ismay.

The King of the Ghetto (BBC2, Thurs, 9.30-10.25pm), a modern four-part thriller about Asian oppression in the East End of London written by Farrukh Dhondy, is a lesson in cultural strife, character development and intelligent dialogue.

Tim Roth, as a scarred skinhead and megalomaniac white community activist in flashback, dominates the scenario of the self-contained, interbred Asian entrepreneurs clawing for self-respect and an avenue out of the rotting, exploited ghetto.

Bread (BBC1, Thurs, 9.30-10pm), Carla Lane's new comedy series about a large extended Liverpool family, reinforces the cultural stereotype of the inhabitants of that self-destructive city as a bunch of spenglers abusing the welfare state.

Like the inhabitants of the ghetto, they are always looking for a dodgy deal, but they belong to the "state should provide me with everything" moral-sapping school of municipal socialism.

It's a grand week for the elder statesmen of rock music. The formative Velvet Underground are profiled in the South Bank Show (ITV, tomorrow, 10.30-11.30pm); Frankie Valli appears as a moister in Miami Vice (BBC1, Tues, 10-10.50pm); Ian Dury makes his acting debut as a greasy racketeer in King of the Ghetto, while the car-drum-bruising ZZ Top ruin the natural tranquility of Texas in a new series of the once somnambulant Whistle Test (BBC2, Tues, 6-6.50pm).

Bob Williams



Facing a flop: Cooper with Lilli Palmer in Cloak and Dagger

Spy thriller with an ironic twist

FILMS ON TV

Cloak and Dagger, which is being shown on Channel 4 on Thursday (5-7pm), is one of those films that is more interesting for its associations than for its merit. Made in 1946, it stars Gary Cooper, perhaps Hollywood's most popular actor of the period, in his first post-war role. All the ingredients pointed to a substantial box office success.

It was a patriotic espionage drama of the kind that was proving extremely popular with the American film-viewing public. Cooper played a quiet boffin parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe to rescue a fellow scientist. And the film was directed by Fritz Lang, who, though past his European peak, was nevertheless highly bankable in Hollywood and still capable of evoking extraordinary tension.

It was also the first American film made by Lilli Palmer. Already a well-known actress in Europe, she was in Hollywood with her then-husband, Rex Harrison, when she was told there was a part going for a German actress. "I thought, what better way to begin my American career than in the Gary Cooper picture", she said later. But the experience was not a happy one and the

film was an unexpected flop. The screen-writers of this ultra-patriotic film, Albert Maltz and Ring Lardner Junior, were later to be victims of Senator Joe McCarthy's Un-American Activities Committee, and among the famous blacklisted Hollywood Ten.

And Cooper's role was quite obviously modelled on the character of Dr Robert Oppenheimer, "father" of the atomic bomb, who was himself to be persecuted by McCarthyism.

Cooper became an enthusiastic "friendly witness" to the committee, giving evidence of alleged Communist infiltration of Hollywood. He even made jokes with congressmen members of the committee, asking them whether they could trust a man who had just been voted the least co-operative star in Hollywood. But he was never as virulent as some of his colleagues, and later as a producer, he tried in a small way to make amends by giving work to blacklisted writers.

Cooper was greatly upset by the failure of Cloak and Dagger which, to some extent, marked the end of his preeminence as America's box office certainty. Thereafter, only High Noon, made in 1952, came near to reviving his popularity.

Marcel Berlins

brittle society comedy; a chorus girl meets and marries millionaire, but... (Channel 4, Wed, 2.30-4pm). The Lavender Hill Mob (1951): Perhaps the funniest, cleverest and most perfectly scripted Ealing comedy of them all, with Alec Guinness splendid as the quiet clerk turned bullion thief (BBC2, Wed, 6-7.15pm).

Fahrenheit 451 (1966): Truffaut's interpretation of Ray Bradbury's novel of the totalitarian state in which books are forbidden (Channel 4, Wed, 10pm-midnight).

RADIO

ended his days in a seedy boarding house in Hastings. In The Mischief Makers (Radio 4, tonight, 10.30-11pm), several of those who knew him or have written about him wonder whether he was really "the wickedest man in the world", and why his notoriety has endured.

A much quirkier insight into the nature of imperial power is The Emperor in Bath (Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9pm). This tells the story of Haile Selassie's exile in England from 1936 to 1940, when the

BRIDGE

A costly error that will plague Sharif

The Europa Cup, sponsored by Phillip Morris, has become one of the most prestigious events in the European bridge calendar. Impeccable presentation and prize money of 250,000FF make it a privilege to participate, let alone win.

The entry is restricted to the winners of the National Teams of Four championships. This year 22 teams were formed into five pools to contest the semi-finals. The winner of each pool would join France, the host nation, in the final in Paris. The finalists, in addition to France, were Austria, Israel, Hungary, Denmark and Belgium.

Britain seemed on paper to have a relatively easy task in a pool that contained Ireland, Portugal, and an Israeli team which was certainly not of championship calibre. But indifferent play, combined with some imaginative if unorthodox captaincy, proved their undoing.



Omar Sharif: "If only"

At the final at the Hotel Sofitel all the competitors were the guests of the sponsor. To add to the occasion, the French Bridge Federation provided "Bridgevision". This method of presenting bridge, first seen at the world championship in Biarritz, enables the audience to see the hands on a giant screen, while video cameras supply live pictures of the players at the same time.

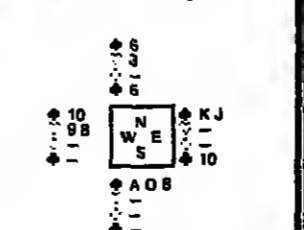
France, represented by a strong team including three world champions, playing on home territory, were obvious favourites. But with one round remaining any one of four teams could still win. Hungary beat France 16-14 to win the contest between the leaders, but Denmark massacred Belgium by 23-7 to overhaul them both. The final order was Den-

mark 90 VPs; Hungary 87; Austria 85; France 83; Belgium 78; Israel 46. In such a close finish there are always innumerable hands that make players say "if only..." I suspect this is the one that plagues Omar Sharif.

1st round, France v Denmark. North-South game. Dealer South.

When Denmark held the North-South cards, the commentator debated whether they would reach the good contract of six diamonds. The matter was not put to the test because some spirited bidding by Chema and Perron for France persuaded the Danes to double three hearts. Although the escapade cost 700, if France could bid the slam they would gain 12 IMPs.

France did bid the slam. Unhappily not in diamonds, but in spades. "If only I had bid six no trumps", moaned Sharif, who was South. "I win the heart lead and give up a diamond. Suppose West continues hearts. I win in hand and I run my tricks, leading to this ending with the lead in dummy:



"East has been forced to come down to two spades to keep his ten of clubs. A spade finesse gives me the remainder of the tricks and a swing of 27 points."

The Danish West kindly pointed out that when in with the OK he would have switched to a spade, breaking up the squeeze. Perhaps he would, but that was small consolation to Omar.

Jeremy Flint

We regret the printing error which marred the second hand in last week's article.

CHESS

The first champion

would most likely be 4 PxP PxP, 5 B-N5.

10 B-KN5 is more to the point.

And here 14 KR-Q1 looks stronger.

A desperate move which should have been rejected in favour of 21 Q-B4.

A combination which throws

a harsh searchlight on the weaknesses in White's camp. Indeed, even 21... NxfN? 22 BxR, RxB gives Black tremendous compensation for the modest material investment.

Not 29 BxR? BxR; 30 QxB, Q-Q8ch.

A neat concluding combination to exploit the shattered nature of White's King's wing.

White has been vacillating with no clear strategy in view. Meanwhile, Steinitz has been piling up pressure against White's Queen's Pawn.

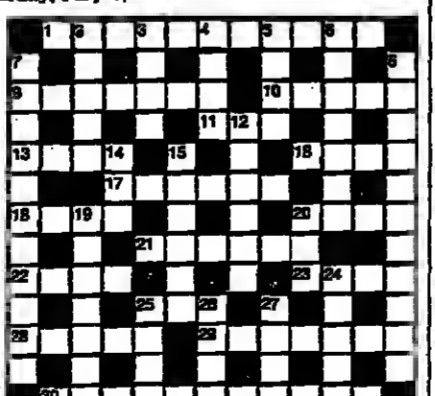
The finish would be 36 K-R4, Q-K8ch; 37 Q-N3, P-N4ch etc...

Raymond Keene

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THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS LEON'S GIRL: Domiziana Giordano stars in Zina (15), a striking British independent feature exploring the tormented life and thoughts of Zina Bronstein, Trotsky's daughter. Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), Metro (01-437 0757). From Thursday.



THEATRE COLD STORY: Jeremy Irons with Gillian Barge, Jos Melia, Raymond Bowers and Richard Easton head the cast of A Winter's Tale directed by Terry Hands. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Opens Wednesday.



BOOKS COASTING ALONG: Lisa St Aubin de Terlan, in her fourth novel The Bay of Silence (Cape, £8.95) writes of strange and steamy goings-on, unusually, not in South America, but at a resort on the Italian Riviera, in Normandy, in upper-class England, and in the past.



OPERA RUSSIAN CONQUEROR: Natalia Troitskaya, Moscow-born, has shot to prominence in the West during the last two years in the Italian opera repertoire. She makes her Covent Garden debut next week singing Tosca. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), Monday.



CONCERTS SUITE SUCCESS: Leonard Bernstein is celebrated in a festival devoted to him which starts with Lukas Foss conducting the LSO in his On the Waterfront Suite, Hall, Barbican Centre (01-638 8891). Tuesday, 7.45pm.



DANCE THREE STEP: Rosalind Newman's exhilarating, witty and expressive choreography was a hit at the Riverside in 1982. Now she returns to London for one week with a trio of new works. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). From Tuesday.

Elaine Paige explains why she is glad to be back on the boards in Chess, starting next week

Playing to win in a hard game

It is raining as Elaine Paige leads her white West Highland terrier, a small poodle named called Tigger, towards the rehearsal studio car park in North London from where her Porsche was stolen two months ago. Suddenly, an agitated Bjorn Ulvaeus appears, his rear passenger window has been smashed and all his car audio equipment stolen. "It's probably the same people," she says wearily. Still, with Chess already booked up solidly until October, perhaps such losses can be borne with fortitude. Earlier, Ulvaeus and his partner from Abba, Benny Andersson, who co-wrote the music to Chess, were to be found wandering around the studio offices nattering in Swedish, as the avuncular figure of Tim Rice, the show's lyricist, passed through on his way home for the night. Newspaper interest in Rice's alleged romance with Miss Paige may have subsided recently, but romantic intrigue continues in this latest musical. set in chess tournament halls and hotel rooms in Italy and Thailand. Paige plays the part of the Hungarian born Florence Vassy, who, while seconded to, and the lover of the American chess champion, falls in love with his Russian opponent. When the musical opens at the Prince Edward Theatre on May 14, it will be two years since the Chess album was recorded in Stockholm, and it has already yielded international hits for Murray Head with "One Night in Bangkok",



Role play: Elaine Paige, who found time to learn the subtleties of chess while she was rehearsing for the show

Her West End debut in 1968, in the chorus of the musical Hair, steered her towards the heart of the Sixties hippie counter-culture, but the experience left little visible mark on the self-possessed career actress. "I look back at that period with very fond memories; it was a good, plentiful time to be 18. We all had youthful ideals, good stuff and all that, but really... rather naive. Time has changed so much for everybody since then." The big change for Elaine Paige came with her selection for the part of Eva Peron in the tremendously successful Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical Evita. The headlines after her debut performance in 1978 read like Hollywood clichés:

"A Star is Born" trumpeted one daily; "An Instant Superstar" proclaimed another. Her "overnight success" as Eva continued for 20 months until she left the part in 1980. The straight acting part of an Irish murderer, Kate Webster, in Granada's Ladykillers series in 1980, was a departure from musicals that Paige welcomed, but which failed to lead to similar work. "That did absolutely nothing for my career at all, I can't think why," she says, laughing. Since 1980, Paige has also pursued a parallel career as a solo singing artist (she has released five albums with recorded, five albums with live recordings, just to work, and I could relate to her struggle to make a better life and wanting to prove herself." She dismisses as exaggerated hearsay this week's rumours that Madonna is to play the part of Eva Peron in a proposed Robert Siodmak film of Evita.

job" The Times reviewer who referred to "cheap and nasty arrangements" and described her as being "embarrassingly deficient in the basic ability to sing". But with Chess she is returning to the world of the West End musical. "This is what I like best. I'd rather be doing this than playing Elaine singing songs, because in theatre you are playing a character throughout a performance. I approach singing a three-minute song in the same way, but you don't have very long to find the colours and mood. I feel more at home in musical theatre than I do in concert."

David Sinclair Chess is in preview at the Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) from Wed. Opens May 14.

ARTS DIARY

The Bear necessity

The week of Shakespeare's birthday was not a happy one for Sam Wanamaker's Bear Gardens Museum, which stands on the site of the old Globe theatre in Southwark. Wanamaker has long cherished plans to build a new Globe; the museum, with its unique replica of a 1616 stage, has provided performances of Shakespearean work and other, rarer, Elizabethan work, and has kept the flame of the Globe alive while money, planning permission and other major problems were surmounted. But it cannot afford to go on. "The teachers' strike was a contributory factor because we weren't getting the throughput," says the director, Patrick Spottiswoode. "But we also need a new roof." With awesome optimism he hopes that if £500,000 were found, sufficient work could be done to re-open the place. But Wanamaker and his co-directors of the Globe Project are unlikely to be diverted from their main task of building a replica of Shakespeare's theatre, so the Bear Gardens Museum will almost certainly stay closed.

Club mix

The Gröncho Club, the fashionable meeting place for London's literati (well, some of them) is suffering from its early reputation of charging more for dinner than most authors earn in a single advance. It has started a subtle recruiting drive, as well as a club night which fails to recognize John Mortimer: he walks through its doors, for new members to join regularly like Melvyn Bragg and Julie Christie: the club has combined with the Royal Court Theatre to offer the public membership at £100 if they cough up £50 for the English Stage Company. Membership is then guaranteed: it is an idea doomed from the start - meet Royal Court theatregoers, prefer to spend their money on performances, not fat dinners.

Sad about sex

The puritan backlash must be easing off. I am told by gallery owner Jamie Maclean that his exhibition of erotic illustration, "The Forbidden Library", will not be forced to have an age-limit imposed on it when it opens in the West End in June. Last year, when Maclean staged a parallel exhibition of erotica, a QC was employed to vet the pictures before they were hung and no-one under 18 was allowed in. The most hostile reaction was from an ageing spinster critic who examined each picture and left, muttering over her shoulder: "They don't look as though they're enjoying themselves, do they?"

Seeing red

More moving still than Vladimir Horowitz's reunion with another Russian - his concert at the Moscow Conservatoire was televised last weekend - was the concert they didn't show. Horowitz became aware that a very large proportion of the seats in the concert hall were being taken by the Politburo. So he opened up his rehearsal to underprivileged Muscovites. I am told by one witness: "Musically it was the greater event."

Christopher Wilson

What did Katherine Hepburn say that made Anthony Hopkins change his life? Why doesn't Britain have a world-class orchestra? Is the Bolshoi, due here in July, worth queuing all night for? These questions are answered in a very different magazine launched this weekend. It's the first to cover the arts and entertainment in colour every week. But that's not all that makes it different. It's elegant, but it's also practical. From cover to cover, it's easy to find your way around. Reviews of the latest plays, films, records and books reach clear conclusions. The same goes for concerts, television, dance and art. Previews tell you about forthcoming events in plenty of time to book. And the full listings guide is national. This magazine is called Reviews. It's at your newsagents from April 25, price £1 weekly.

CONCERTS SEGOVIA'S SIXTIETH: Celebrating the anniversary of his London debut, playing pieces he included in his first Wigmore Hall guitar recital, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm. ESCHENBACH/LPO: Christoph Eschenbach conducts the LPO in Berlioz's Carnival Overture, Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1 (James Toocco, soloist) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. MOZART/MAHLER: Mozart's Symphony No 38 is juxtaposed with Mahler's Symphony No 8 by the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Frej Trzaska Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs, 7.30pm. JUDD/LPO: Mozart's Nozze di Figaro overture, Schubert's Symphony No 6 and Beethoven's Symphony No 8 are all played by the LPO under James Judd. Stephen Hough is soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8705). Thurs, 7.45pm. THEATRE IN PREVIEW LA CAGE AUX FOLLES: Award-winning musical about middle-aged male lovers who own and run a nightclub. Arthur Laurents directs George Hearn, Dennis Quilley. Palladium (01-437 7373). Fraeveweek today, Mon-Fri, May 3. Opens May 7. TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Anton Lesser and Juliet Stevenson in the title roles. Barbican (01-628 8795/638 8891). Previews Thurs, Fri, May 3. Opens May 6. In repertory.

OPENINGS POSSUM IN THE BUGHOUSE: Poets T. S. Eliot and Ezra Pound meet in an insane asylum in 1953. Old Red Lion, John Street, London EC1 (01-637 7816). From Tues. Press night Fri. From Tues. Press night Fri. WUTHERING HEIGHTS: Vince Foxall's adaptation of Emily Brontë's novel incorporates some of her poetry into the action. Ted Craig directs. Croydon Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon, Surrey (01-890 4060). Previews Thurs. Opens Fri. SELENGARY GLEN ROSS: David Mamet's hard-edged, acerbic vision of duplicitous Chicago estate agents at work and play. Msrmaid (01-238 5566). THE GAMBLER: Mel Smith and Bob Goody lead a razor-sharp musical excursion into the sub-cultures of compulsive gambling. (Hamstead 01-722 9301). OUT OF TOWN PITLOCHRY: The Crucifer of Blood: Festival opens with Paul Giovanni's adaptation from the Sherlock Holmes story The Sign of Four. Brian Falch, Elwyn Johnson, Miranda Bell. Festival Theatre (0796 2680). Opens Fri. STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Two Noble Kinsmen: The "tragic romance" by Shakespeare and John Fletcher, directed by Barry Fletcher, is the opening production of the RSC's new auditorium. The Swan (0789 295623). Today, Mon-Thurs. In repertory. FILMS OPENINGS THE JEWEL OF THE NILE (PG): Routina sequel to Romancing the Stone, with Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and much high

GALLERIES OPENINGS GUERCINO: Drawings by the 17th-century Italian master. Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 512651). From Tues. GARDEN FESTIVAL: Display of 100 sculptures by contemporary British artists. National Garden Festival, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire (0782 289788). From Thurs. SMITH BROTHERS: Celebration of three 18th-century brothers: George, John and William Smith from Chichester. Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex. (0243 774567). From Fri. SELENGARY ALFRED GILBERT: Sculpture, monumental and minute by Victorian who made Eros. Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). DANCE SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Gala premiere of David Bintley's The Snow Queen at Birmingham, Mon, also Tues-Thurs; then mixed bill of Les Sylphides, Prodigal Son and Elza Synopation (Fri and May 3). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 6043). ON TOUR: London Contemporary Dance Theatre is at the Demarge, Northampton (0604 24811) tonight and the Theatre Royal, Newcastle (0632 322061) Tues-May 3. mende Wed. London Festival Ballet is at the Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555) today. OPERA ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: On Wed at 7pm, the second performance of the run of Busoni's morality play, Faust. Thomas Allen takes the title role. On Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm Smetana's folk opera, The Bartered Bride; on Fri, also at 7.30pm, Die Fledermaus with Janice Cairns, Nan Christie and Ryland Davies; and tonight and Tues at 7.30pm two last performances of The Merry Widow with Valerie Masterson. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-838 3161). SCOTTISH OPERA: A new season starts with a new production by John Cox of Le Nozze di Figaro, opening on Wed at 7.15pm. György Fischer conducts. Matinée performance on May 3 at 2.15pm. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 381 1234). ROCK AND JAZZ PAUL BRADY: The spunky Irish folk-rocker's new album, Back to the Centre, shows him to be ready for the major league. Tonight, Queens Hall, Edinburgh (081 688 2018); Mon, Southport Arts Centre (0704 40011); Tues, Riverside, Newcastle (0632 614388); Wed, Irish Centre, Leeds (0532 480613); Thurs, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal (0539 25133); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050). For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Concerts: Max Harrison; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martia Cropper; Films: Geoff Brown; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE April 25: The King and Queen in attendance, left Windsor Castle this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh, King George's Fund for Sallors, was in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Fund at the Mansion House, London, EC4.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. D. H. Davies and Miss J. R. Brook The engagement is announced between Tristan, son of Brigadier and Mrs P.R. Davies, of Coombe, Wiltshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs R.L. Brook, of Rectory Court, Meonstone, Hampshire.

Mr A. M. Dunhill and Miss J. O. B. Reichold The engagement is announced between Alfred, Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs Richard Dunhill, of Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire, and Juliette Oriane Barbara, only daughter of Dr and Mrs E.A. von Seibold, of Blewbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. S. Shepherd-Barron and Miss T. M. Marsh The engagement is announced between James Sutherland, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Shepherd-Barron, of 14 Onslow Square, London, and Tessa Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Marsh, of The Dial House, Westmill, Hertfordshire.

Mr P. I. Thomas and Miss P. J. Whitwell The engagement is announced between Philip Ivor, son of Mr and Mrs William Evelyn Thomas, of Morrison, Swynsea, and Penelope Jane, elder daughter of Mr John Whitwell, and the late Miss Moira Whitwell, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr P. Shears and Miss M.E. Thomson The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Shears, of Highfield Farm, Tospbam, Devon, and Mary-Rose, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Byars Thomson, of Holt Valley Farm, Clayton, Sussex.

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs). Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE April 25: The Prince of Wales arrived at Great Yarmouth Vauxhall Station in the Royal Train this morning.

The Prince of Wales later left Great Yarmouth in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Mr David Roycroft was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new extension of the Chiltern Museum Training College, Peppard Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the Workshops at Heathrow Farm occupied by clients of Cosira (Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas), and later opened the Tourist Information Centre in Oundle, Northamptonshire.

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Passover's message of freedom

This week, Jews throughout the world are celebrating the festival of Passover, which commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, symbolizing freedom and emancipation. For third world theologians, the Exodus is an account of the liberation of oppressed peoples, and using that framework they believe it is possible to understand the plight of those who are now afflicted.

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OBITUARY

DAME HONOR FELL Advances in cell biology

Dame Honor Fell, DBE, FRS, who died on April 22, aged 85, was one of the most remarkable biologists of this century. The youngest of nine children, Honor Bridget Fell was born on May 22, 1900. She was educated at Wyckwood School, Oxford, and Madras College, St Andrews.

SIR CHARLES JOHNSTON



Sir Charles Johnston, GCMG, who died suddenly on April 23, at the age of 74, was a distinguished diplomat and British's last Governor of Aden, as well as being a gifted poet and translator.

AIR CDRE A. P. REVINGTON

Air Commodore A. P. Revington, CB, CBE, who died on April 21 at the age of 84, had a distinguished RAF career which stretched from the establishment of the service to the Berlin Airlift.

Fourth Sunday after Easter

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, W.8. Holy Communion, 11.15. Rev. Canon R. J. M. Hill. St. George's Church, W.8. Holy Communion, 11.15. Rev. Canon R. J. M. Hill.

Luncheons

Resters Resters Holdings plc's annual luncheon took place yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The hosts were the Chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, and the directors, Mr Donald B. Anderson, Mr J.A. Burnett, Mr J. G. Giddings, Mr P.W. Gibbins, Mr N.L. Jodah, Mr Robert Maxwell, Mr M.E. Nelson, Mr Glen Renfrew, Mr R.M.P. Shields, the Hon Sir Richard Storey and Mr Lyle Turnbull.

1986 Glenfield Awards

A luncheon was held at William Grant and Sons, 40 Piccadilly, yesterday to present the 1986 Glenfield Awards made to writers and broadcasters who have contributed most to the civilized appreciation of food and drink.

Dinners

International Law Association Lord Wilberforce, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, presided at a dinner held at the Athenaeum yesterday. AP Bank The Chairman of AP Bank and Marchioness Townshend, with the directors of the bank and their ladies, were hosts at the sixtieth annual dinner of the bank held at the Savoy Hotel on Thursday.

St Francis' College, Leitchworth

Summer Term at St Francis' College, Leitchworth, began on Monday, April 14, 1986, and ends on Friday, July 11, 1986.

St John's School, Leatherhead

Summer Term at St John's School, Leatherhead, began on Monday, April 21, 1986.

St Margaret's School, Bushey

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St Paul's School, London

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Schools

Bedford School Bedford School began on April 24 with 1,110 boys in the school. Confirmation will be conducted by the Right Rev. D.J. Farmbrough, Bishop of Bedford, on May 4.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Richard Cave, 74; Mr Edward Cazalet, 82; Sir John Chayden, 82; Mr David Coleman, 60; Sir Gordon Downey, 58; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, 56; Professor J.C. Holt, 64; Major-General Harry Knutton, 65; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, 72; Sir Oliver Miller, 83; Mr Richard J.E. Morpurgo, 68; Mr Peter Schaufuss, 37; Miss Kathleen De-Anne Stark, 30; Professor J.R. Sutherland, 86; Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler, 82; Mr Morris West, 70; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Worthington, 83.

Memorial service

Sir Charles Stirling The Queen was represented by Viscount Davidson at a memorial service for Sir Charles Stirling held at Chelsea Old Church yesterday. The Rev. C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

Service dinners

Colonel Robin Leigh-Pemberton, honorary colonel, presided at the annual dinner of the Kent and Sharpshooters Veterans Officers' Dining Club.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM A BIRTH AT 155 WAT Announcements, authenticated by the name and permanent address of the sender, may be sent to: THE TIMES PO BOX 484 Virginia Street London E1 or telephoned on telephone subscribers only to 0427 5000. Announcements can be received by telephone, enquiries to 01-822 8182 (after 10.15am) or send to 1, Paulings Street, London E1.

BIRTHS

BALAHAM - On 16th of April to Liz (Pip) and Nick, a son, David Kellow, a brother. BARNETT - On April 18th to Veronica (née Wadley) and Tom, a daughter, Sophie.

DEATHS

BARRETT - On April 23rd at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Margaret, widow of Oliver. A brother for Mrs. BARRETT - On April 23rd at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Margaret, widow of Oliver. A brother for Mrs.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

PHILLIPS, GODFREY S.P. Killed in action 26. March 1945. aged 20. P.O. Box 174. Air Force. His mother Mrs. G. Phillips, 27, North Street, London E.C.1. His father Mr. G. Phillips, 27, North Street, London E.C.1.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

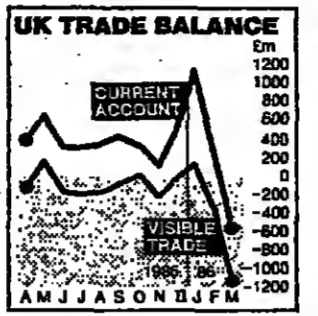
WILLIAMS - On 24th April 1986. aged 78. His mother Mrs. Williams, 27, North Street, London E.C.1. His father Mr. Williams, 27, North Street, London E.C.1.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Worst ever trade deficit at more than £1 bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain had a trade deficit of £1,138 million last month, easily the worst on record.



Import volume was up by 3.3 per cent, although it fell by 1.4 per cent in the first quarter compared with the fourth quarter of last year.

month's figures should not be taken in isolation and that the official forecast of a £3.5 billion surplus for this year is being maintained.

But that was only one of several reasons for the unexpectedly poor trade figures. Manufacturing trade deteriorated sharply — mainly because of a sudden rise in imports — and the deficit was a record £786 million.

The visible trade deficit of £1,138 million represented a worsening of £800 million compared with February's £338 million deficit.

Until those figures were published, the largest monthly deficit on record was £874 million in October 1984.

Exports fell by £454 million, or 7.3 per cent, to £5,733 million, the lowest total since July 1984.

Apart from the £360 million drop in oil exports, chemicals also fell, by £77 million, probably because of the

pound's stronger performance during the month.

The volume of exports hit a peak in the second quarter of last year and has since been moving erratically around a somewhat lower level.

In March export volume dropped by 6.2 per cent. In the first quarter export volume was down by 1.4 per cent compared with the fourth quarter of last year.

Imports, in contrast, moved up strongly last month, rising by £347 million, or 5.3 per cent to £6,871 million, the highest since April last year.

A rise in the value of imports of the so-called erratic

items was cancelled out by a fall in oil imports. All the other main categories of imports rose strongly.

Department of Trade and Industry officials said that trends for both exports and imports were difficult to determine at present.

The main official concern over the figures is likely to focus on the fact that the decline in the oil surplus — to £397 million last month from £685 million in February and £997 million in January — is not being offset by an improvement in manufacturing trade.

In fact, manufacturing is deteriorating at as rapid a rate as oil trade. Only invisibles — including the monthly abatement on the 1985 European Communities budget — are improving, with the surplus estimated at £600 million a month.

A spokesman for the Treasury said yesterday that one

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1357.9 (+9.9) FT-SE 100 1622.6 (+7.1) USM (Datastream) 118.68 (-0.51)

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Toy firm's £5m buy

Cowan de Groot, the toy and giftware distributor, has made an agreed £5.1 million offer for Chart Foulkes Lynch, a company running professional tuition courses for accountants.

CFL joined the unlisted securities market only in December at a placing price of 86p a share, which valued the company at £3.4 million.

CFL directors, speaking for 71.1 per cent of the company, have already given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer. Full acceptance would cause Cowan to issue 7.34 million new shares, or 34.9 per cent of the enlarged equity.

The acquisition represents Cowan's new strategy of diversification into communications and services. CFL directors believe demand for the company's courses and products will continue to grow because of the trend towards examination-based qualifications.

Dividend cut

Profits at Geers Gross, the advertising agency, fell from £183 million before tax to £13,000 in the year to December 31. Turnover was up from £122 million to £129 million and the final dividend has been cut from 2p to 1.5p.

Dee package

Dee Corporation, the supermarket group, has sold a package of freehold properties to Heiron Property Corporation for an undisclosed sum.

Pay-out hope

Staffordshire Potteries, which is fighting a £14 million takeover bid from the Corollor home furnishings group, has told shareholders to expect dividends of at least 5p for the year ending June 30, 1987 — 25 per cent up on the current year forecast.

Citibank cut

Citibank Savings has reduced its mortgage rate from 11.95 to 10.75 per cent. This applies to both repayment and endowment mortgages.

Bids received

Martin Ford has confirmed that it has received a number of bids after being put up for sale last month. These are now being studied by its merchant banker, Singer and Friedlander.

Application day

Application lists for Top Drugstore, referred to yesterday, open on May 1 and dealings start on May 9.

CLAYTON, SON AND CO (HOLDINGS): Total payment for 1985 7p (6p). Turnover £10.96 million (£13.47 million). Pretax profit £622,000 (£681,000). Earnings per share 17.96p (19.86p).

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York 1835.94 (+4.22) Dow Jones 15689.88 (+7.83) Tokyo 1834.62 (+10.11) Nikkei Dow 270.8 (-0.1)

INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base: 10.50% 3-month interbank 10 1/4-10 3/4% 3-month eligible bills 10 1/4-10 3/4% buying rate

CURRENCIES London: New York: £ \$1.5370 £ DM 3.3545 £ Sfr 2.2173 £ FF 10.6822 £ Yen 258.29 £ Index: 75.9

Oil prices drop as strike is called off

By David Young Energy Correspondent

World oil prices fell yesterday after the strike which stopped the flow of oil from Norway's North Sea fields for 20 days was called off.

The return to work will put a million barrels a day of oil back into the world market, already awash with crude oil because of energy conservation and over-production by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Spot market rates in Europe and North America have fallen by a dollar to about \$11.90 a barrel since it was announced late on Thursday that the Norwegian Government had decided to intervene to end the dispute.

Under Norwegian labour laws the oil workers will return to work while arbitration takes place.

The fact that the Government did not intervene when the strike was called, as normally happens in Norwegian industrial disputes, was seized on by Opec as a sign that Norway was willing to cooperate in combating world over-supply and immediately sent prices upwards.

However, the Government has now invoked arbitration because it said that the length of the strike had started to affect the safety of some of the North Sea installations.

During the dispute, which started when 670 catering workers went on strike, supplies of natural gas from the Frigg field to the British Gas network were interrupted.

British Gas normally takes 20 per cent of its daily needs from Frigg but was able to meet demand by increasing gas lifting from the fields in the British sector of the North Sea and using gas stored in underground salt caverns in Yorkshire.

The major oil companies operating in the Norwegian sector have started flying workers to the rigs and production should resume over the weekend.

Abandon ADR tax says Reuters chief

By Our City Staff

Reuters chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, yesterday called on the Government to abandon the 5 per cent stamp duty on American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) proposed in the Budget.

Reuters, with a number of other companies whose shares are traded in the United States in ADR form, has already protested to the authorities about the proposed tax, which Sir Christopher said would make US acquisition exchange for shares more expensive and impose an unwelcome penalty on Reuters' expansion in North America.

The financial information and news group has already bought Rich, the Chicago-based maker of dealing room terminals and is to take a minority stake in Instinet, whose share-dealing systems it markets outside North America.

Sir Christopher also told the annual meeting yesterday that Reuters was expecting excellent profit and revenue growth this year after an encouraging start, although he said it was too early to make an exact forecast. The company reported a 26 per cent jump in pretax profits to £93.6 million last year.

He said all the group's main products were doing well, with outstanding new business in Europe and good progress in North America, where Reuters faces its toughest competition, the financial services market.

After almost six years of negotiations, Reuters has received permission to introduce its Monitor screen-based currency and bond dealing service in the Japanese market where the strength of the yen against sterling has also helped the company.

The meeting also elected the Mirror Group publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, and Sir Richard Storey, chairman and chief executive of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, as directors.

Woolworth to spend £150m on expansion

By Our City Staff

Woolworth Holdings, which is fighting off a £1.53 billion bid from Dixons Group, yesterday announced a £150 million expansion and redevelopment programme.

The money is being spent on the Woolworth chain, Comet electrical stores, B&Q do-it-yourself stores and property developments. It will be spent on a mixture of new openings, relocations and refurbishments.

Bonn rates 'may fall'

West Germany (AP-Dow Jones) Herr Karl Otto Poehl, president of the West German central bank, said yesterday that he sees the possibility of lower West German money market rates in the "middle term", despite the central bank's decision on Thursday not to lower its key lending rates.

The discount and Lombard rates stand at 3.5 and 5.5 per cent.

Herr Poehl said the scenario for a discount rate cut was not right in view of the situation on Europe's capital markets.

Liquidity has been very tight on the Frankfurt money market after the realignment of currency parities in the European Monetary System.

Building societies to merge

By Alison Eadie

A merger is planned between the Bradford and Bingley Building Society and the Yorkshire Building Society, they said yesterday. It will create Britain's seventh largest building society, behind the Leeds Permanent and ahead of the National & Provincial.

At present the Bradford and Bingley is the ninth largest society, with assets of more than £4 billion and the Yorkshire the thirteenth, with assets of nearly £2 billion. The combined group will be called the Yorkshire Building Society.

The two societies have head offices five miles apart, allowing scope for rationalization particularly in computer systems. A guarantee of no staff redundancies for three years has been made to Bradford's 1,973 employees and Yorkshire's 1,159 employees.

The combined society will have 400 branches — 250 from the Bradford and Bingley and 150 from the Yorkshire. There is an overlap in 64 places and the volume of business in some of the duplicated sites could justify maintaining two branches, according to Mr Geoffrey Lister, the chief executive of the Bradford and Bingley.

The new management structure will be shared initially between both societies with Mr Lister and Mr Denis Macnaught, of Yorkshire, acting as joint chief executives.

Mr Macnaught will retire in next year, leaving Mr Lister as the sole chief executive.

The total number of building societies has fallen from 190 at the end of 1984 to 164 today due to a series of mergers, most of them involving small societies merging with larger ones.

The largest merger so far was last October's tie-up between the Alliance and the Leicester, creating the Alliance & Leicester, now the fourth largest society.

A potentially larger merger between third-ranking Nationwide and fifth-ranking Woolwich, which would have created a society with assets of £15 billion, was called off last November.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Day dawns in time for BL rethink

Graham Day, who formally joins BL as executive chairman on Thursday, will be taking over a strikingly different organization from the rump he must have expected to run at the time of his appointment.

Even Land Rover is now back in the BL park though its future remains deeply unsettled. Unipart and the heavily loss-making Leyland Bus are in the departure lounge, the latter still booked for an imminent painful exit.

Mr Day's first big decision? Ironically the process of privatizing Unipart, by undoing the special relationships with other BL subsidiaries, has made it look much less inspiring: profits were down from £14 million to £6 million last year.

To make matters worse, the recent turmoil has exacerbated senior management problems that the new chairman might have met in some form anyway. Ray Horrocks, the executive director responsible for cars and Unipart, has stuck his neck out as far as it is possible to go by suggesting that he was passed over for the chairmanship for daring to oppose the mooted Ford deal.

He probably feels in need of repairing his image and his fences. Mr Horrocks's counterpart on the Leyland and Land Rover side, David Andrews, has similarly distanced himself from the BL body by his prolonged leave of absence to promote the Land Rover buyout. That was rejected not merely by Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, but more embarrassingly by his boardroom colleagues, some of whom always refused to believe that Land Rover was capable of standing on its own.

Since Mr Day, as full-time executive chairman, replaces part-timer Sir Austin Bide, it may be thought that these happenings make it easier to remove a layer of management that is now redundant. The history of

BL is plagued by the axing or voluntary departure of able deputies rejected for the top jobs. As a direct result, management has consistently been too stretched to cope with all the businesses at once.

If Mr Day has inherited a much bigger job than expected, he is now short of the one thing he really needed and demanded — a clear brief from the major shareholder and provider of funds (HMG). Mr Day himself should take a major part in working out a new strategy. The fast solutions have disappeared and it would be better to give the businesses a rest from the headlines and a little stability while policymakers go back to the drawing board.

Merely keeping the old privatization strategy but delaying it could add election uncertainty. A possible alternative approach might be through BL's bizarre financial structure, a leftover from its rescue (BL was never nationalized).

Successive share issues to the taxpayer have reduced outside shareholdings to a fraction of 1 per cent of BL's capital, but the stock is widely held and actively traded of late. After a relapse to 40p per share, the stock market values BL at a astonishing £1.7 billion.

That is not a meaningful figure for BL without government guarantees. But the existence of the quotation does offer the possibility of a different kind of creeping privatization, that would give Mr Day internal freedom to make collaborative deals, sell further subsidiaries, or merge businesses into joint companies with the single aim of constructing a version of BL that can survive without government guarantee.

When that is possible, the Government could move to full privatization by cancelling some of its share capital or loans in exchange for removal of its guarantee.

New round in tin crisis

The evidence given to the Commons select committee that looked into last year's collapse of the tin market was finally published yesterday, giving some intriguing pointers to the next moves in the game being played out between the International Tin Council and its disparate collection of creditors.

The settlement Standard Chartered Bank reached with the ITC this week has left the council with precious little in hand with which to settle other claims, which in any case enormously exceed the resources left at the ITC's disposal when its buffer stock manager ran into trouble last autumn. The focus now shifts to the 22 governments supposed to stand behind the ITC.

The evidence presented to the select committee reinforces its criticisms of these governments. Ironically, although the British

Government made the greatest effort to whip the 21 others into an agreement to honour their obligations, it is now the most exposed. For since the London Metal Exchange is in London, the creditors' easiest and cheapest course of action is simply to take the British Government to court.

But then the British Government is not only the most vulnerable; it also, in the wider sense, has the most to lose.

The London Metal Exchange has been badly bruised by the tin crisis, and it is in the interests of its host government to help it back to health. Probably, the Government could avoid trouble by quite a modest out-of-court settlement — perhaps less than half the £50 million it offered as its contribution to an ITC agreement. The creditors could then use this settlement as a lever under other obstinate governments.

Budget a 'lost opportunity' to tackle unemployment

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Charter for Jobs yesterday accused the Government of failing to tackle the problem of the long-term unemployed.

In evidence prepared for the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee, the Charter describes last month's Budget as a lost opportunity.

The Charter for Jobs was set up a year ago as an all-party pressure group concerned with unemployment. It has become established, with its sister organization, the Employment Institute, as both an expert source and a lobby group.

But in the important areas of policy it has succeeded so far only in influencing MPs, not the Government itself.

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MARKET SUMMARY STOCK MARKETS New York 1835.94 (+4.22) Dow Jones 15689.88 (+7.83) Tokyo 1834.62 (+10.11) Nikkei Dow 270.8 (-0.1)

WALL STREET New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks edged higher yesterday in early trading, with IBM again leading the active.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE S. W. & Co report Official turnover figures

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COMMODITIES MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COFFEE

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.58 points to 1,337.36, with the transportation average edging up 1.10 to 812.56

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TEMPUS

Price fall threatens oil firms' asset values

Oil companies are likely to begin making provisions for a drop in the value of their oil and gas assets this year if the oil price does not improve dramatically.

The impact of lower oil prices on these assets and the accounting treatment will vary across the industry. Not all oil companies report quarterly, but for many, the next reporting date is their quarterly results on March 31.

Tricentrol is one of the few companies to provide shareholders with an estimate of the impact of falling oil prices on its assets.

In its report for the year to December 31, the company shows the discounted present value of its oil and gas reserves assuming an average 1986 oil price of \$18 per barrel and a \$1.45/£1 exchange rate.

On a 15 per cent nominal discount rate, which is roughly equivalent to a 10 per cent real discount rate, the present value is £432.6 million, before petroleum revenue tax.

After deducting PRT, the present value falls to £305.2 million. This is below the £315.5 million book value of its oil assets.

Included in the valuation are probable reserves valued at £80.9 million using the same discount factor. However it must be the case that at current oil prices, a proportion of these reserves will not be economically viable.

Sometimes, when ceiling tests are applied, the worth of the assets is worked out before PRT on the basis that exploration costs will relieve the company of having to pay the tax.

In 1986, the industry is so squeezed that exploration programmes are being cut back to the minimum, which means that the tax shelter disappears. Indeed, Wood Mackenzie and Co, the stockbroker, has forecast that even

at \$20 oil, Tricentrol will show a cash flow deficit in 1986 of £28 million - hence the need to sell the Amethyst gas field for £30 million.

Much depends on the assumptions used in making these valuations. A lower discount factor will give a higher value, while more up-to-date oil prices and exchange rates will give an even lower value.

The oil price is very volatile at present, and no one is suggesting that the industry provides for loss of value in assets based on the end March price which was one of the lowest ever. But the time is fast approaching when some recognition of what is happening in the marketplace will have to be made in the accounts.

Geers Gross Shareholders found little to comfort them in yesterday's figures from Geers Gross, the advertising agency. It is still not clear how the company will get round its fundamental problem, which is that it makes low profits on a huge turnover.

In 1985 it made £813,000 before tax, despite sales of £129 million. On that basis the return on sales was only 0.6 per cent, far less than the return achieved elsewhere in the industry. For example, Abbott Mead Vickers made 2.9 per cent on turnover.

Profits fell from £1.83 million to £813,000, mainly because of the loss of a highly profitable account for ESPN Cable Network in the United States.

The company has succeeded in winning enough new business to replace that account, in volume terms. But the new accounts are much less profitable.

Geers Gross says, however, that staff cuts and other overhead reductions have saved £1 million a year, which should help profits this year.

Meanwhile, shareholders have to wait for the publication of the annual report and accounts for details of the balance sheet.

At the end of 1984 the company had net borrowings of £22 million against shareholders' funds, net of goodwill, of only £2.9 million.

In the interim the multiple of nine times prospective earnings, assuming a recovery to £1.8 million before tax, with the shares at 74p is high enough.

Housebuilding

George Wimpey's claim to have topped Barratt Developments from the top of the housebuilders' league has caused quite a stir in the industry. While the majors affect indifference to absolute numbers, preferring instead to talk of prices and margins, they are nevertheless gearing up to challenge Wimpey.

In 1985 Wimpey sold 9,700 houses, up from 9,100 the previous year. Barratt sold 8,700 houses last year and Tarmac, the third contender, probably sold 8,000. C.H. Beazer, which took fourth position after acquiring French Kier, will probably sell 5,000 in the year to June 1986.

In the present year competition for number one spot could be tough. Wimpey plans to increase output by only 600 houses or so, but Barratt's is recovering to between 9,000 and 10,000 with Tarmac not far behind. All three will be competing with the do-it-yourselfer, who builds 10,000 houses a year.

The overall number of private houses completed will, however, be little changed from last year, at about 150,000, but favourable conditions - notably the availability of mortgages and lower interest rates - will help profits. All the majors are increasing their average selling price, not just by raising margins but by moving upmarket.

Mr Adrian Goodall, of the stockbroker Laurie Millbank, suggests there will be a move away from London, where the greatest profits are now being made. He says that because the fall in interest rates is national it gives a disproportionate boost to the regions, where prices have not risen so quickly. That should help builders like Wimpey and Barratt, who have plenty of sites out of town.

Barratt is the purest housebuilder of the majors but there are still doubts in the City about the extent of its recovery.

Caution rules as rally peters out

The market ended the two-week account on a subdued note yesterday. An early rally soon petered out with investors still sensitive after this week's sharp shakeout in share prices.

Thursday's disappointing first-quarter profits from ICI, a record trade deficit for last month, the financial year-end for at least three leading jobbers and the unwinding of speculative positions caused by soured takeover activities were all given as reasons for caution.

The FT 30-share index finished at 1,357.9, a modest 9.9 rise, while FT-SE 100 rose only 7.1 to 1,622.6.

The undertone was steady enough, illustrated by the number of firm features among secondary issues, mainly on bid hopes.

The Government stocks managed improvement of an 1/4 or so, encouraged by the continued strength of sterling, prompting the view that another fall in interest rates was not too far away.

Properties turned mixed and builders lacked decisive trend, but small engineering

groups were wanted after the recent spate of bids.

Among leaders ICI at 917p picked up 3p of Thursday's 15.4 loss that followed the figures after touching 930p in early dealings.

Boats rose 7p to 262p on vague takeover talk but other stores presented a gloomy picture with Gas A down 20p to 1035p and Woolworth 20p lower at 820p.

Hotel shares were still worried by the threat of a fall in tourism due to the Libyan situation. Trusthouse Forte fell 4p more to 165p.

Oil was overshadowed by Sheikh Yamani's warning of a \$10-a-barrel spot price and the lifting of strike action by Norwegian workers.

However, one or two small exploration stocks did well with Conroy Petroleum 12p higher at 55p.

Among engineers F H Thomkins jumped 18p to 31-p on hopes that the company will be successful in its acquisition of Pegler Hattersley, Williams Holdings at 675p recovered nearly all of Thursday's 25p fall.

Sweetley at 471p and Reuters 443p improved 8p after their respective optimistic annual statements.

Blue Circle added 5p to 666p in front of next Tuesday's results. Barratt gained 6p to 148p as mortgage rates declined. APV at 550p gave back 6p as the company rejected the approach from Slesbe 10p better at 895p.

Adwest shares were strong at 240p up 15p after recent figures while Delta Group put on 10p to 250p on reports of a bid from BICC.

Firmer Electronics featured Unitech up 12p to 260p but profit-taking cut 10p from Amstrad at 314p. Hopes of US takeover activity boosted Wedgwood 23p to 341p and Christie International 7p to 350p.

Lex Service Group was another firm spot at 394p up

20p. Chart Foulks shares were lifted 28p to 118p following bid terms from Cowan de Groot.

Thursday's newcomer D Y Davies followed 3p more to 180p following news of a Guildhall contract. Beaton Clark at 208p and Metal Closures at 157p were speculative favourites to rise 13p and 6p.

Fading bid hopes left European Ferries 3p down at 149p. Satisfactory results supported Sunlight Service at 205p and Geers Gross at 74p both up 2p.

Associated Heat Services climbed 15p to 450p awaiting bid developments from CGC of France.

P&O lifts stake in bid target

Just a day after revealing a £377 million takeover bid, P&O was yesterday able to lay claim to 37.26 per cent of its target, the Stock Conversion property group.

P&O announced yesterday that it had bought another 1.8 million Stock Conversion shares, equivalent to a 3.44 per cent stake, in the market at prices ranging from 700p to 714p.

Meanwhile, Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, has also thrown its weight behind the P&O bid.

It said yesterday that in the absence of any rival offer, it would make the P&O bid for the 7.28 per cent of Stock Conversion shares it holds for itself and non-discretionary clients.

Hiram Walker taken over Gulf Canada Corporation has captured majority control of Hiram Walker Resources in Canada's largest takeover.

Gulf, controlled by the Reichmann family of Toronto, will pay just over Can\$3 billion (£1.4 billion) for about 81 million shares.

The Reichmanns are appealing against an Ontario Supreme Court ruling which allowed Hiram Walker to sell its liquor distilling business to Allied-Lyons, the British foods and brewing group.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RECENT ISSUES, RIGHTS ISSUES, COMPANY NEWS. Lists various stocks and their prices.

Paul plans Indian share sale

By Clare Doble Mr Swraj Paul, the chairman of Caparo Industries, is negotiating the sale of his shareholdings in two Indian companies, Escorts and DCM.

He plans to inject the proceeds, which are expected to be £11 million, into Caparo Industries, which is quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Mr Paul bought the shares three years ago but the two companies refused to register them. The courts ruled in his favour but he nevertheless decided to abandon his challenge to the Indian business establishment.

The money will be held initially by Caparo Group, Mr Paul's private company which owns 75 per cent of Caparo Industries. He intends to use the money to maintain control of CI.

Caparo Industries plans to make an acquisition for between £20 million and £30 million in the autumn.

WM BOUTLON GROUP: Half-year to Dec. 31, 1985. No ordinary dividend and the preference dividend due on April 30, 1986, will not be paid.

ANGLO-AFRICAN FINANCE: Results for 1985, compared with the previous 17 months. No dividend. Turnover £112.82 million (£220.47 million). Income before tax £1.83 million (£8.31 million). Loss per share 1.1p (10.7p).

AUDIO FIDELITY: Taxable profits of £170,000 for the eight months to December 31, 1985, compared with loss of £36,000 for the six months to October, 1984. Turnover £3.29 million (£1.87 million). Earnings per share 4.49p (loss of 1.31p).

J ROTHSCHILD HOLDINGS: The company has purchased for cancellation 1 million ordinary shares at £1.257/16p per share.

YORK MOUNT GROUP: The group has sold its offshoot, York Mount Construction, to Jetrise. The estimated net worth of the company at the completion date was £190,000.

CHEPSTOW RACE-COURSE: Dividend 1p (same) for 1985. Turnover £715,624 (£654,832). Pretax profit £11,997 (£17,010). Earnings per share 1.99p (3.07p).

BRENT WALKER: Pretax profits jumped by 78 per cent to £3.7 million in 1985. Turnover fell to £15.7 million, from £19.9 million. The total dividend is 4p.

AUSTIN REED: Year to Jan. 31, 1986: Pretax profit £5 million (£4.23 million). Sales £60.9 million (£57.3 million). Total dividend 5.5p (4.5p).

WALLOW AND CO: Interim dividend 4.5p (4p). Turnover for the 28 weeks to March 22, 1986, £125.6 million (£100.3 million). Operating profits £3 million (£3.4 million).

TELE-GRAMS: Year to Feb. 28, 1986. Pretax profits rose by 35 per cent to £1.67 million. Total dividend 2p (1.66p). Earnings per share 6.94p (4.41p).

WHATMAN REEVE ANGEL: Pretax profits for 1985, £5.61 million (£4.62 million). Turnover £31.64 million (£33.55 million). Dividend total 2.45p (2p). The directors say the current year should be excellent.

EPICURE HOLDINGS: Pretax profits for the six months to December 31, 1985, were £409,000, against a loss of £1.17 million, on a turnover of £9.22 million, against £12.61 million.

OFFICE AND ELECTRONIC MACHINES: Pretax profits in 1985 were 31 per cent higher at £2.54 million, on sales 10 per cent ahead at £28.53 million. The total dividend is 1p higher at 8.5p.



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5	Barclays	Banks	
6	Imp Chem Ind	Chemicals/Plas	
7	STC	Electricals	
8	Hazelwood Foods	Foods	
9	Bank of Ireland	Banks/Discount	
10	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
11	Bank of Scotland	Banks/Discount	
12	Babcock	Industrials A-D	
13	Home Charm	Drapery/Stores	
14	Barratt Devs	Building/Roads	
15	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
16	Blue Chip	Industrials A-D	
17	Hamm (Philip)	Industrials E-K	
18	Thorn EMI	Electricals	
19	Br Vias	Industrials A-D	
20	GKN	Industrials E-K	
21	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
22	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
23	Redland	Building/Roads	
24	Bensford (S&W)	Industrials A-D	
25	Hillards	Foods	
26	Bejan	Industrials E-K	
27	Hall Eng	Industrials L-R	
28	Triplex	Industrials L-R	
29	Lloyd (HWH)	Drapery/Stores	
30	Wood White	Building/Roads	
31	399 Indames	Building/Roads	
32	Ribby (J)	Industrials A-D	
33	Jaguar	Industrials E-K	
34	Howden	Industrials E-K	
35	Jessops	Industrials A-D	
36	Royal Elect	Electricals	
37	Lucas	Industrials A-D	
38	Bullock	Industrials A-D	
39	Burnet & Hallam	Building/Roads	
40	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
41	Cosli	Building/Roads	
42	SGP	Drapery/Stores	
43	NSS Newsagents	Drapery/Stores	
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FINANCE AND LAND

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FOODS

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Groans as well as sighs of relief after the will

INHERITANCE TAX
Accountant JACK HARPER believes pension benefits could be put in jeopardy by the new rules for inheritance tax

One of the most unwelcome features of the new inheritance tax is "the gift with reservation". Property given away that falls foul of this rule is treated at the time as any other gift (so tax could be charged if the gift is not made to an individual outright or to an accumulation and maintenance trust).

But if the donor dies without having relinquished the reservation of the property (or property representing it) is treated as remaining in his or her estate and is taxed at the death rates (with credit for any tax paid earlier on the lifetime transfer).

The concept is taken from State duty, with some modifications. It caused a lot of trouble and its demise on the introduction of capital transfer tax (which did not incorporate it) was greeted with relief. Corresponding groans have accompanied its unpleasant resurrection.

A gift is subject to reservation if, and as long as, either possession and enjoyment of the property is not bona fide assumed by the donee or it is not enjoyed to the entire exclusion, or virtually to the entire exclusion, of the donor and of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise or by "associated operations".

The Chancellor intended to stop arrangements for having your cake and eating it. For example, where a house is given but the donor continues to reside in it, where a settlor of a discretionary trust is also a beneficiary and, this was perceived as the main mischief, under certain insurance schemes (inheritance trusts, PETA plans, discounted gift schemes) where the taxpayer retains a right to benefits in his lifetime.

As is often the case with anti-avoidance measures, there may still be loopholes and they may catch commercial arrangements in a way never intended.

It is not necessary (nor was it under estate duty) for the donor's spouse and children to

be excluded from benefit. So gifts within the donor's nil rate band (now £71,000) into discretionary trusts or insurance schemes may still be viable as long as the donor is not a beneficiary (and beware reciprocal arrangements by spouses).

Furthermore, as under estate duty, a statutory exception is introduced for a donor who occupies land or continues in possession of a chattel for full consideration in money or money's worth. In other words, if you give your house to your children and continue to live in it you will have to pay a market rent if you want to be sure of avoiding inheritance tax.

Nevertheless, the concept introduces a degree of uncertainty and complexity into the tax system which is excessive as a reaction, principally, to the heavily marketed insurance devices. One might pause here to remark on whether it is really fair for the Chancellor to regard such devices, and discretionary trusts with the settlor as a beneficiary, as pernicious.

Certain gifts are excepted

The impact of inheritance tax on the small estates remains vicious. Tax on an estate of £317,000 is £110, an effective rate of 29 per cent. Such an estate is not vast wealth for someone who has a house in the south-east and has retired with a pension lump sum and some good investments. And remember, this "low" rate is levied on property that has been accumulated after paying income tax and capital gains tax.

By contrast, the Chancellor has given the enormously wealthy the opportunity to give away unlimited sums subject to seven-year survival tax-free. Certain gifts are excepted from the rule. For example, transfers between spouses and gifts to charities and (naturally) political parties. No special exception is provided for pensions benefits and there may be an unexpected problem here.

A fundamental but difficult distinction is whether what is given is the whole asset with a benefit reserved out of it for the donor, or whether only part of the asset is given and the rest retained. The concept applies in the first case but not

the second. The fitness of the line is indicated by the fact that the six or so leading cases under estate duty were decided at the highest level.

Where an employer establishes a pension fund the benefits will be held on discretionary trusts from the outset. Provided a lump sum benefit on death in service is not payable as of right to the employee's personal representatives, and he has not irrevocably nominated during his lifetime who should have it, the sum will not fall into his estate for tax purposes.

Where the scheme is non-contributory, no question of gift with reservation can arise. If it is, the mere possibility that the lump sum should be paid, at the trustees' discretion to his estate, would not be a benefit reserved by him (he will be dead, by definition). But what if he survives to take the pension and lump sum commutation rights?

His contributions would normally be exempt gifts under the "normal expenditure out of income" exemption but it is not a gift with reservation? The same fund is growing to provide either the death in service benefits or the retirement benefits, depending on whether or not the employee survives beyond retirement. He cannot be said to keep the retirement benefits but only give away the death in service benefits.

The logic of this analysis may be difficult to swallow when it comes to a huge fund run by a big company with many members. But it is easier to see its force in relation to a one-man arrangement, now so justifiably popular as an alternative top-up to additional voluntary contributions or as a parallel fund for greater portability.

The self-employed, and employees in non-pensionable employment, who make retirement annuity contributions have been advised, quite properly, to settle the death benefits under the policy on discretionary or flexible power of appointment trusts for spouse, children and dependants. The form of trust wording correctly reserves to the settlor the retirement benefits — the pension cannot be assignable if the policy is to be approved and the lump sum is in partial commutation of that pension.

Is this not a gift with reservation? Again we are looking at a single policy that may provide different benefits for different persons depending merely on whether or not the contributor takes his benefits before death.

The separate policy (under section 226A rather than 226) that provides death benefits seems clearly outside the rule.

The practice of the Revenue under estate duty was not to claim duty under the corresponding statutory provision dealing with gifts subject to reservation on any benefit payable under approved occupational pension schemes or retirement annuity contracts. Even if this is confirmed for inheritance tax it is too important a matter to be left in practice.

Best of the buyers' market

MORTGAGES

The cut in mortgage rate — down from 12 to 11 per cent, coupled with a flood of new entrants to the home loan field in recent weeks and a multiplicity of new offers, ranging from a discount of half a per cent in the basic mortgage rate from Midland Bank, to help with moving house from Legal & General — has produced a bewildering array of mortgage offers for the would-be house buyer.

Is an endowment loan with the Midland better value than a repayment loan with the building society? Would £50 towards the legal fees bill be a better bet than a "chain-breaking facility"? Such questions are puzzling those about to buy or move.

This week Lloyds Bank complicates things still further by coming into the market with a fixed rate home loan at 9.9 per cent. You have to be prepared to stick with the

find yourself paying 9.9 per cent two years down the line when everyone else is paying 9 per cent on an ordinary variable rate loan.

Conversely, if interest rates rise you will be laughing all the way to the bank.

"We are allocating an initial £200 million to this new scheme and I am sure it will be welcomed by house buyers as a significant addition to the range of options for buying property and for the opportunity of budgeting with certainty for the first three years," said John Dawson, director of Lloyds' retail banking.

However, the experts believe interest rates will be down below 10 per cent by the end of the year, and if they were to fall still further in the remaining two years, this Lloyds Bank offer might not look so attractive.

'Not really aiming at first-time buyers'

mortgage for a minimum of three years as there is an early redemption penalty of two months' interest if you repay the loan within the first three years. This would, for example, work out at a hefty £247.50 on a £30,000 loan.

"With the high minimum loan of £30,000 and the early redemption penalty, we are not really aiming at first-time buyers," commented Teri Harman of Lloyds Bank.

The arrangement has the merit of letting you budget effectively — you know absolutely going to be during the next three years. But what you are really doing is taking a gamble on the way interest rates will go.

And you could, of course,



legal fees associated with the switch will be borne by Midland.

As the table shows, if you go for the Midland's straight repayment loan, monthly net payments for every £1,000 borrowed over 25 years work out at £6.86 — some 82p per £1,000 per month cheaper than a building society repayment loan at 11 per cent.

On a £30,000 loan you will be paying £24.60 a month more than you need to by staying with the building society — even one which is offering loans at the basic rate of 11 per cent. The larger the loan, the greater the saving, and if you are paying a premium for your money as well, say an extra 1 per cent, this Midland offer is one you cannot afford to ignore. The offer ends on May 31, so don't delay.

The perennial argument about whether the endowment method is better than repayment has now swung in favour of the endowment method. The difference in the after-tax relief cost of a building society

repayment loan and an endowment-linked mortgage is now only a few pence. Yet the cash benefit at the end of the term could be substantial.

For example, a 35-year-old taking out a £30,000 loan over 25 years will be paying £230.40 a month for a repayment loan — or £234 a month

'Agony aunt' to solve all your problems

for the endowment-linked method. After he has paid his mortgage protection premium of around £7 a month for the repayment loan, this definitely works out the more expensive method.

The endowment-linked borrower will not only have his loan repaid at the end of the term but there will be an estimated cash surplus of £36,930 on, say, a Standard Life policy.

Of the other home loan packages available, nothing really begins to compare with the Midland offer. Legal & General has put together a

scheme that looks largely gimmicky. According to L & G one single telephone call to an "agony aunt" will solve your house-moving problems.

Homemove L & G offers advice on mortgages (no doubt linked to an L & G policy which is not the best value), insurance, estate agents, legal services and a "chain-breaking" facility.

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Lorna Bourke
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	Total	Interest
B soc repaymt loan 11%	£7.68	£6.50 (end prem)
B soc endmnt loan 11%	£7.86	£7.86
Midland repaymt loan 10.5%	£6.86	£6.14 (end prem)
Midland endmnt loan 10.5%	£7.44	£6.86
Lloyds fixed rate endmnt loan 9.9%	£7.15	£5.85 (interest)
	£1.30 (end prem)	

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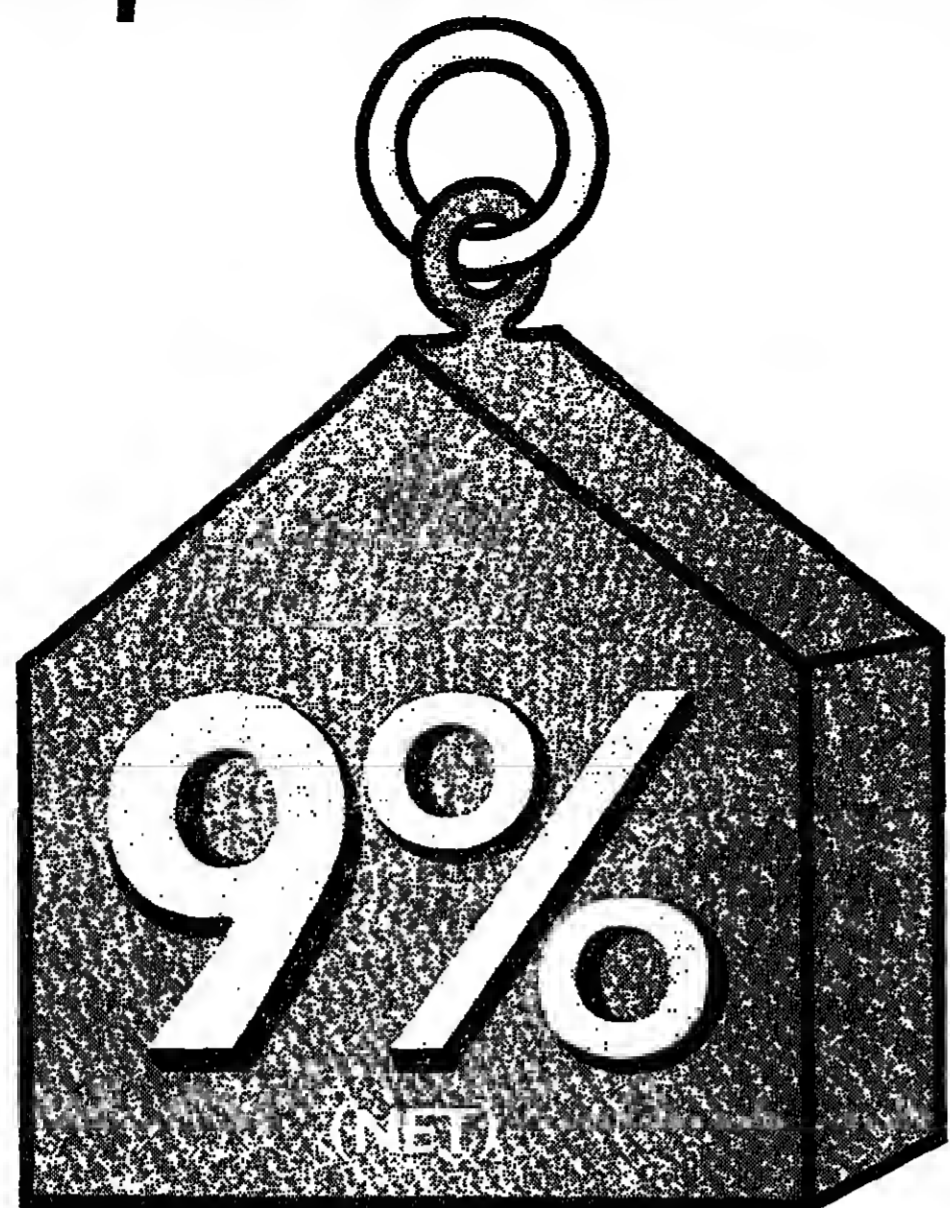
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Homework is the answer for right choice

MORTGAGES

Homebuyers have rarely had it so good and the news this week of another 1 per cent off the mortgage rate will send many would-be borrowers back to the calculator to work out how much they can afford.

But deciding on the best value-for-money mortgage for a particular pocket is becoming quite an art and it is essential not to accept the first suggestion but to compare the pros and cons of repayment, endowment and, if you are self-employed, pension mortgages. Thousands of pounds are at stake.

Gone are the days when the repayment or term mortgage was the obvious choice for hard-up first-time buyers, thanks in part to the arrival of MIRAS. Now that the building societies and other lenders do not charge higher interest for an endowment mortgage, this type looks as attractive as the straight repayment loan.

Although in many instances the repayment mortgage works out a little cheaper — this can be crucial for the first-time buyer smashing every piggy bank to own his own home — for only a little extra a month the endowment mortgage offers an acceptable lump sum at the end of the repayment period.

For example, the Norwich Union, in extolling the virtues of the endowment version, gives a convincing illustration. A man aged 34 on 29 per cent tax rates, taking out a repayment mortgage of £30,000, pays £237.41 a month (assuming the current 11 per cent mortgage interest rate) after tax relief at the basic rate.

At the end of the repayment period he receives nothing extra. But if he took out an

endowment mortgage with the Norwich Union he would collect a lump sum of £21,047 — and for only an extra £2.76 a month.

This comparison favours endowment mortgages; repayment mortgages often are as much as £15 a month less (see table). The benefit of an endowment, as opposed to a repayment, mortgage becomes even more obvious for the higher rate taxpayer.

For example, according to the Norwich Union again, a 40 per cent tax payer, taking out an endowment mortgage would pay £204.40 a month after tax relief on an endowment scheme for the same £21,047 surplus. He would pay an extra £2 a month on a repayment mortgage without getting a pay-out at the end. Given the need to check these differences, and the heightening competition between different building societies and between societies and banks, Telford House Group's Ideal Homes mortgage service for its customers could not be more timely.

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'And they lived as happily as their mortgage would allow'

Having had first-hand experience of the Ideal Homes computer, I would recommend people planning to buy a house or flat to visit their nearest Ideal Homes site purely to check the costs and what different building societies and banks are offering now.

For example, on a joint salary worth £22,000 a year the Abbey National will lend £50,000. On a property worth £50,000, only the Abbey out of the computer list offers a 100 per cent mortgage. Barclays Bank and the Bristol & West come bottom, offering only £45,000, that is, 95 per cent of the property value.

As our table shows, the Ideal Homes service gives a comparison between repayment and endowment. The Alliance & Leicester offers an endowment mortgage costing nearly £22 a month more than its repayment version. But for that the home buyer receives a £23,200 bonus at the end.

Not surprisingly, Ideal Homes does not cover pension mortgages as they are too specialized. But pension mortgages are a must for the self-employed or anyone without a company pension scheme.

The pension mortgage has been around for several years

but is only now, with tax relief on endowment premiums a thing of the past, beginning to be fully appreciated.

The advantage of a loan linked to a personal pension scheme is that you get tax relief on the mortgage interest in the normal way. But you get full tax relief at your highest rate paid on the contributions to a personal pension plan. The mortgage is eventually repaid at retirement age from the commuted lump sum benefit you are allowed to draw at retirement from your personal pension plan.

As our table shows, Sun Life worked out a pension mortgage on the same criteria as the Ideal Homes examples. For under £27 a month more, our 35-year-old on retirement at 60 not only receives a handy £11,246 in cash over and above the amount needed to repay the loan. He also receives a pension for life of more than £17,000 a year.

And as every life company will point out, it would encourage someone taking out a pension mortgage to increase the annual payments to keep pace with inflation if possible.

Hilaire Gomer

Net monthly cost of £45,000 home loan over 24 years at 11% for a borrower aged 35

Repayment	Endowment	Basic rate	Pension	60% taxpayer
Net mort pymnt	374.90	Net int.	332.75	247.50
Mort prot policy	10.68	Endow prem	70.48	55.20
Total	385.58	Total	403.23	302.70
End of term	nil	End of term cash residue after loan pymnt (incl terminal bonus)	23,000	11,246
		plus pension of		17,000pa

*First 16 years average total net cost including mortgage protection policy is £376.22 a month rising to £402.26 in years 16 to 25
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He has once again compiled his "white list", "grey list" and "black list" of the top, mediocre and bottom performing income unit trusts.

The black list members have met neither of these criteria. Among those trusts that get a raspberry from Mr Edwards are Guinness Mahon High Income, Backmaster Income, Wardley Income, Baltic High Income, St Vincent High Income, Tyndall High Yield, Mayflower Income, Quadrant Income, Henderson High Income, Tyndall Smaller Companies Dividend, Target Extra Income, Britannia Extra Income, Baltic Income & Growth, Canlife Income, S & P Income, Gartmore High Income and Henderson Smaller Companies Dividend.

ing for when he compiles his white list is a proven record over three years of increasing net dividends at least in line with inflation.

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A star rises in the East — again

UNIT TRUSTS

The most recent stars of the unit trust performance tables are the Japanese — after a fairly miserable 1985.

and that, in reality, three months is precious little time to judge performance. Remember too that the commodity unit trusts were high fliers in the first statistics released for 1986.

Companies funds were well in front of the Japanese competition last year and highly placed among all unit trusts. Briefly, the main reason for the Japanese star waning last year was that many of the unit trusts were in the wrong stocks.

will become to seek out the sort of stocks we want. But the window of opportunity in smaller companies is still there," says Mr Kingsett.

JAPANESE UNIT TRUSTS

Table with columns: Results of £100 investment held over 3 mths, 1 yr, 3 yrs. Lists various Japanese unit trusts and their performance metrics.

Several factors have stimulated Japanese unit trusts in recent months. Lower interest rates and a strong yen have undoubtedly boosted performance figures, as indeed have lower oil prices.

The County Bank Japan Growth fund is riding high at the moment, although it is managed from London, by

Geographic approach to stock selection

Paul Graves. "The trust is tiny in size, about £7 million in all," he says.

"We avoided the traditional foreigners' approach, the blue chip electronics, for instance, and went for those we saw as the greatest beneficiaries of the domestic stimulation."

Mr Graves says he has adopted almost a geographic approach to stock selection and has invested heavily in railways and large land development projects.

"We have tended to specialise in small undervalued domestic," says Jan Kingsett, the manager of the trust.

"A lot of the new ideas that our analysts are now coming up with are in the high technology and electronics

areas," says Mr Kingsett. "But it is very much a stock fund, picking the right stocks without agonizing about the resulting sector consequences."

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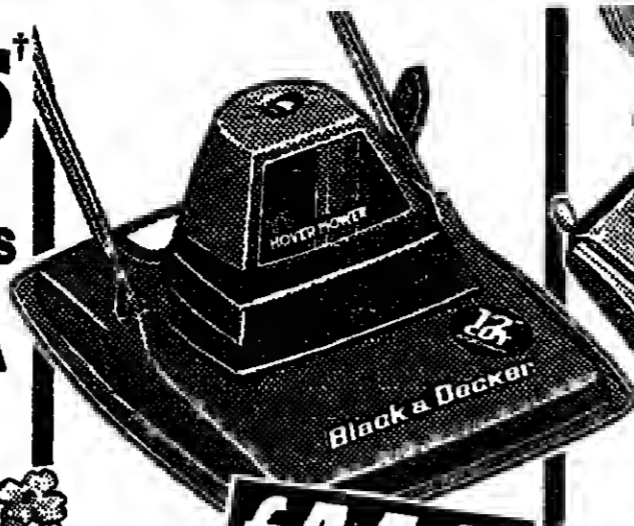
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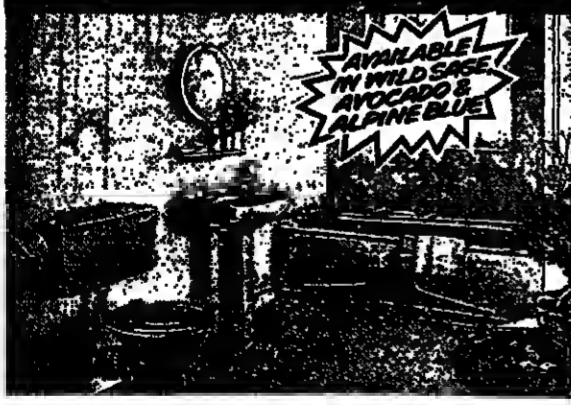


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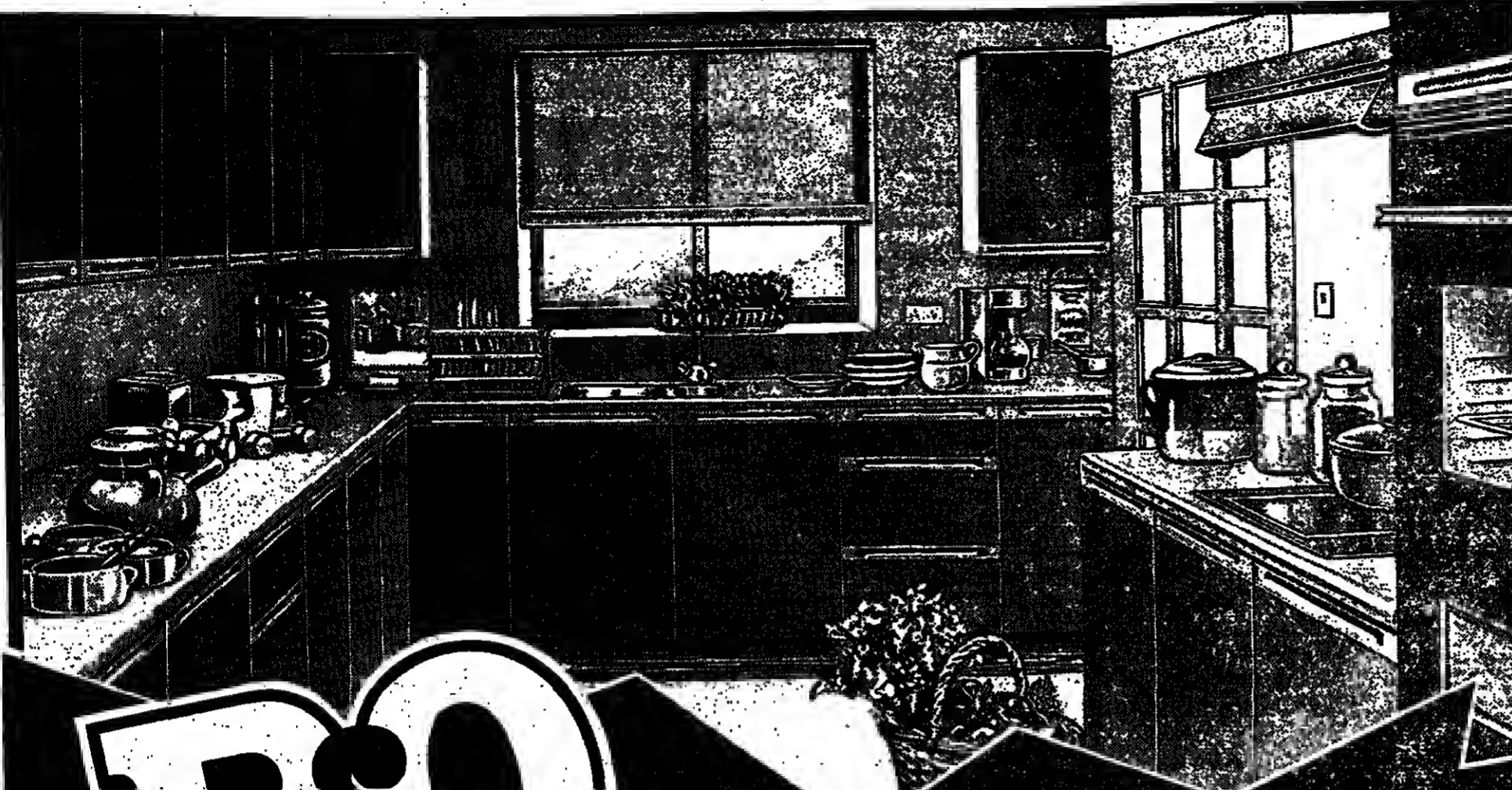
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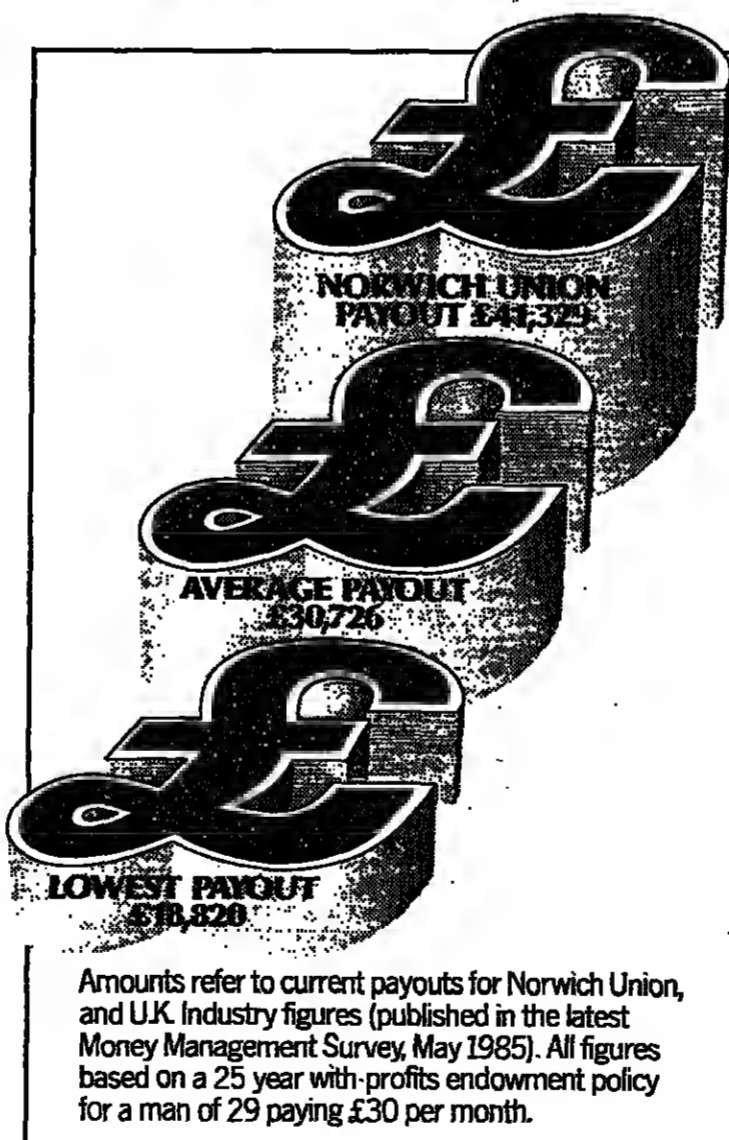
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INVESTMENT

UK shares have risen by about 40 per cent in the past year and stock markets around the world are well up too. All good news for unit-trust investors...

But it presents a dilemma for people with fresh capital to invest. If they put the new money into unit trusts...

I asked three unit-trust investment advisers what funds they would recommend to someone who wanted to put £10,000 into unit trusts right now...

Peter Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown probably speaks for a lot of managers when he says "I would clearly love to see a 200-point shake-up, which would provide a clear buying opportunity..."

Mr Hargreaves points out, however, that the UK is the only industrialized nation that has maintained the balance of payments surplus for the last six years...

He explains: "The weak dollar is good for US industry. I would put another £2,000 in Abbey American Growth Fund..."



Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown: Wants a shake-up

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Fifteen hundred pounds would be committed to another UK fund, Holborn Special Situation. The Prudential has only recently taken the plunge into unit trusts...

A big slice of the Hargreaves portfolio - £2,500 - would go into Japan, the biggest beneficiary of the recent fall in oil prices...

He explains: "The weak dollar is good for US industry. I would put another £2,000 in Abbey American Growth Fund..."

And he would commit £1,500 to European stock markets through the Target European Special Situation fund.

WHERE THE CITY EXPERTS WOULD PLACE THE FUNDS



Savage of Hoare Govett: Optimism about UK

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Richard Longstaff is more cautious about the prospect for the UK market, saying "I think we are bound to see some profit-taking. There are some big rights issues around to mop up liquidity as well as the British Gas flotation later this year..."

A mere £2,000 of a £10,000 portfolio would go in a UK fund and like Peter Hargreaves he chose Holborn Special Situations. Indeed the fund was picked by all three of the investment luminaries I consulted.

Mr Clay says: "You are not just buying the UK market plain and simple. A good special-situation fund should be able to find interesting investments in any kind of market. It should be a good bet if you are a bit uncertain about things..."

Mr Clay would put the biggest single chunk of his portfolio - £3,000 - in the Mercury Japan fund. "A top analyst is joining that team," he says. Another £1,750 would go into M & G's American &

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Value. Includes Holborn Special, Mercury Japan, etc.

target fund, which has a consistently good record. The US stock market poses something of a dilemma for investment managers. On the one hand they believe that US shares might perform very well. On the other they are nervous about further falls in the dollar...

Finally, £1,250 would go into the Perpetual International Growth fund because of its excellent record. Mr Clay's choice is weighted overseas largely because it is those economies, particularly those of Europe and Japan, that

should benefit from the massive reduction in oil prices. However, John Savage of Hoare Govett's Unit Trust Advisory Service would put 60 per cent of the portfolio into the UK...

Like the other two, he picks Holborn Special Situations - £2,000 would go there. He says "I feel that the Pru is going to make this fund work..."

Another £2,000 would go into Prolife's Special Situation fund. Like the other investment advisers, Mr Savage thinks that at this stage of the market there is less to gain in the standard blue-chip funds...

Half the money committed overseas would go into Japan - through Garmore Japan fund. "This fund concentrates on the domestic sector in Japan rather than the export orientated companies," says Mr Savage...

He concludes: "I think that despite the rises we have seen, worthwhile gains can still be had in all the world's equity markets."

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PROPERTY

For an increasing number of council house tenants who bought their rented flats at substantial discounts, the joys of home ownership have turned into a financial nightmare.

On the Churchill Gardens Estate in south-west London, Renny Hudson and the other lessees who have bought their council flats enjoy a good relationship with their landlord, Westminster City Council. But they have now been told to expect bills to the region of £13,000 each for major work that is needed to the properties.

Mr Hudson said: "The 'right to buy' legislation' enabled people like me to buy property and have the security of ownership. I bought to enjoy a contented retirement which is now shattered."

The 1980 Act as amended, does provide that where a

tenant buys his flat, he cannot be charged for any work in rectifying structural defects found within 10 years of his purchase, unless he was told of them at the time he bought, or unless the council did not find out about the defect until 10 years after the sale.

The difficulty is defining what is a "structural defect" for which lessees may not be liable, and what is a "structural repair" which may be their responsibility.

The London borough of Sutton is considering bringing what it believes is the first test case to court. A lessee who bought under the "right to buy" legislation is refusing to pay towards the cost of a new roof. She is alleging that the new roof is a structural defect and her lease makes her liable for repairs only. The council considers that the replaced roof is part of the tenants' obligation to repair.

They feel that the council's alleged neglect and mismanagement over the years have caused the predicament that they are now in. They are faced with having to sell their flat to pay the repair bills as they already have a substantial mortgage on the property and are unable to pay £20,000 or any similar figure. The sum of £40,000 is even more out of the question, yet they claim, that they are unable to move out as they will have to pay both the costs of rented accommodation and the outgoings on the flat.

When asked about the Jessups' allegations of mismanagement and neglect, a council spokesman said: "Doing all the repairs at once works out less expensively than doing patchwork repairs over the years."

As regards the cost of the work the council said: "The exact figures for the cost of the work are not available and the figures we have given are a rough estimate. It is always a good idea to have a full survey of your property before you

buy. The council does have extended payments for financing available for its lessees. The Jessups do have redress to the court, if the court feels they have been mistreated it will find in their favour."

The Jessups are taking legal advice on the council's actions. Meanwhile, new legislation is on its way. The Housing and Planning Bill is going through Parliament and it is likely to become law in the summer. The Bill will place new limits on the charges payable by council flat buyers for repairs during the first five years after they have bought and it introduces a new right to a loan in respect of repair charges.

New legislation is on the way

There may, therefore, be some limited help at hand for the future but council flat tenants should still beware if they do decide to join the nation of homeowners.

Susan Fieldman



No joy for the Jessups: The cost is just a nightmare.

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The London borough of Sutton is considering bringing what it believes is the first test case to court. A lessee who bought under the "right to buy" legislation is refusing to pay towards the cost of a new roof. She is alleging that the new roof is a structural defect and her lease makes her liable for repairs only. The council considers that the replaced roof is part of the tenants' obligation to repair.

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A few days in the life of a cheque

We all know that we live in an age when automation and computers have revolutionised the speed and efficiency with which banks and other financial institutions can process our financial transactions, don't we?

Or do we? Why, then, do most building societies specify a delay of 10 days between the time an investor deposits a cheque and the time the money can be withdrawn from the account? Why does the National Savings Bank go even further and specify two full weeks?

Why do banks, which operate the cheque clearing system, insist that you should allow at least seven days for a cheque to clear? Where, in fact, are the benefits from all this automation we keep hearing about?

"We think cheque clearing is a terrible system. It is so old-fashioned," says Trevor Hunwicks of the Anglia Building Society, echoing the views of many involved in money transmission.

That is not entirely the fault of the banks which run the

wait a full 10 days after depositing the cheque before allowing you to withdraw any of the money from it. But you do not lose any of the interest because once the cheque is cleared it is credited to your account from the day you paid it in.

The National Savings Bank tops the list in inconvenience by specifying a wait of two whole weeks. A recent change from who it specified only eight working days.

That is fine when the system works perfectly — it does not always do so. "After the 10-day wait many cheques have still not cleared," says Mr Hunwicks, "but we have to let our customers withdraw their money if they want. This creates a terrible problem for us because if the cheque then bounces no money comes into the customer's account and if he has withdrawn some he will be in overdraft."

This means, to the rest of us, that he has an overdraft — but building societies are not allowed to give overdrafts, so they have to use a different name. "In that case we have to write to him and ask for the money back again," says an spokesman of Mr Hunwicks.

This does not, however, explain the refusal by Nationwide to allow a cash withdrawal against a cheque being paid in — drawn on the Alliance Building Society, now the Alliance & Leicester. Did the Nationwide really think the cheque would bounce?

A long delay in having a deposited cheque credited to your account is not only inconvenient; it can be expensive in lost interest. This is where the banks gain. For the whole time that a cheque is going through the clearing system you get no interest on it, but one or other of the clearing banks does.

"If a Barclays account holder pays in a cheque at a NatWest branch, NatWest earns interest on it for one day and Barclays for two," says a Barclays spokesman.

Building societies take a more lenient approach. Most start paying interest on the money from the moment you deposit the cheque, even

The system still relies on bits of paper that travel around the country

system through which all cheques being paid and received have to go in order to reach their correct destination. "The trouble with cheques is that there might be lots of technology to help the process along but the system still relies on bits of paper travelling around the country," says Mr Hoodwick.

Every day vans arrive at a car park in central London and sacks of cheques are exchanged by all the banks in the clearing system.

Certainly it would work a lot more slowly without any computerisation. The Banking Information Service says the clearing system now handles more than four billion transactions a year, a large proportion of which are cheques. That makes a lot of bits of paper to process and distribute around the country, and the fact that it works at all is something of a miracle. Few other countries have a system as efficient as ours.

What happens to a cheque is fairly complicated. Suppose you pay in a cheque at a National Westminster branch to go to your deposit account at Barclays. On day one it goes from the NatWest branch into the clearing system. On day two it is cleared and passed over to Barclays. On day three it moves through the Barclays system to the relevant branch and lands in your account.

But if you are paying it into an account with, say, a building society which is outside the clearing system, it should take an extra day to extract the cheque from the system and pass it to your society. That extra day will disappear for those societies which choose to join the clearing system when legislation in 1987 allows them to participate.

So far so good. But then you have to allow for weekends. If you deposit a cheque on Friday afternoon it will not get into the clearing system until Monday, adding two extra days to the process. There may even be a bank holiday intervening as well and that will string things out for longer still.

So although the process in theory takes three days, most banks say you should expect to wait about seven before you can be sure the money has made it to your account. The process will be instantaneous only if you deposit the cheque at the clearing bank branch where you hold your account," says Barclays.

Likewise, transfers between two accounts with the same building society should be completed instantly.

Some building societies, such as the Woolwich, Anglia and Nationwide, oblige you to

You should make a complaint to your bank if the transaction is too slow

though you may not be allowed to withdraw any of the money for at least 10 days.

Other types of transmission, such as standing orders and direct debits, also have their problems, but they have recently become more automated and the system has speeded up considerably.

The introduction of the Bankers Automated Clearing System and the Clearing House Automated Payments System (which handles amounts of more than £10,000) have improved these types of transactions enormously by eliminating the amount of paper in the process.

These transactions should go through more quickly than cheques, and if you find they do not you should complain to your bank.

What hope is there that all these processes will improve in the future? At the moment, very little. So far, there is no real alternative to cheques as a form of non-cash payment into and out of current accounts.

One day, however, the Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale (EFTPOS) system will catch on. This will allow automatic payment by card at the shop counter which will electronically debit your current account. It is unquestionably fast. Conservative estimates suggest that it takes roughly 0.3 of a second to complete the transaction.

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

National Savings that still lead the field

We've said it before but it will be saying again — in the face of falling interest rates, those who depend on income from bank and building society deposits really should not miss the opportunity to lock into today's rates before they come down any further.

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The return from building society extra interest accounts (nobody much now invests in the ordinary share account) is around 7 to 7.5 per cent but this will fall following the societies' announcements this week of cuts in the mortgage rate — down from 12 per cent to 11 per cent.

The societies take only half a per cent off the investment rate (and it is likely to be more than this) then it leaves the 31st issue of National Savings certificates at 7.85 per cent looking a very attractive deal.

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By Clive White

Rather than West Ham United cracking under the strain of playing too many matches in too little time...

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SCHOOLS RUGBY

Only one slip by England. The final 18 group international was won by Ireland...

ATHLETICS

Moorcroft's show back on the road. David Moorcroft runs his first serious race in Britain since injury blighted his Olympic final...

ICE HOCKEY

Wembley summit. The British ice hockey season reaches its climax this weekend with its annual showpiece, the Heineken championships at Wembley...

Nowadays, despite a strict limit on the number of imports of three per club, they are still heavily relied on with most Canadians getting far more ice time than their British colleagues...



Wounded hero: Peter Reid, under treatment for a knee injury but hoping to fit for Everton

Hearts ache for revenge

Although Heart of Midlothian were not at their best, and perhaps fortunate to draw with Aberdeen in their last match...

where Aberdeen, who have surrendered their chance of winning the championship for the third year in a row...

Richmond swallows his pride. The other difficult choice for Bartlett was in goal where he has preferred Stuart MacKenzie...

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BASEBALL. UNITED STATES: American League. New York Yankees 2, Cleveland Indians 1. St. Louis Cardinals 5, Oakland Athletics 1.

BASKETBALL. COPHENHAGEN: European Championship. Denmark group C: Austria 87, Denmark 82.

CYCLING. MARTINA FRANCA, Italy: Tour of Andria (1700m) Points and final stage (Roman Union). 1: 4.10. 2: 4.10.

FOOTBALL. CENTRAL LEAGUE. First division. Postponed: Derby v. Liverpool.

TABLE TENNIS. TOKYO: Goodwill games. Europe vs Japan 5.

TENNIS. TULSA: Bank of Oklahoma Classic. First round: J. Connors (USA) v. P. Fleming (USA).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL. WEST DUNDEE: South Carolina. West Dundee women's international. Scotland: W. Dumas.

RUGBY LEAGUE. THIRD DIVISION: Darrington 0, Bolton Wanderers 1.

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TENNIS

Frawley battles through to final

By Rex Bellamy

John Frawley, aged 20, comes from Redcliffe in Queensland and is one of the brighter prospects for the future of Australian tennis...

The left-handed Frawley was not disgraced. He ranks only twelfth in Britain and spent a fortnight as an odd-job man...

Maasdrop, like Frawley, weighs-in at a muscular 12 stone 7 lb. The odd thing about Maasdrop, who looks as if he could chew nails...

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Sunday

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show. The first of a new series presented by Mark Curry and Cheryl Baker...

- TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain introduced by Mike Morris
7.15 The Wide Awake Club includes guests, pop group, Fine Young Cannibals, a Kelly Temple, and animal expert, Jimmy McKay...



The Princess of Wales inspects the troops in Berlin in the final instalment of the German TV series Royalty (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

- BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.58 Film: How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (1967) starring Robert Morse, Michele Lee and Rudy Vallee...

- CHANNEL 4
1.45 Channel Four Racing from Sandown. The Sandown Park 2-year Maiden Stakes (2.00); the Guardian Classic Trial (2.30); the Whitbread Gold Cup...

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.55 Play School, 8.15 Knock Knock. A selection of stories and songs about stories and friendships...

- TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain continues with A Thought for Sunday 7.00 Are You Awake Yet, 7.25 Cartoon, 7.50 The What's News Quiz, 8.10 Jam Barnett's Pick of the Week, 8.27 News headlines...



Janet Suzman (as Edwina) and Nicol Williamson who plays the title role in Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroys (ITV, 7.45pm)

- BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand, introduced by Steve Rider. Motor Racing: The San Marino Grand Prix, Joe Hooker: the Henken League Championship...

- CHANNEL 4
1.05 Irish Angle - Hands. The art of lace-making.
1.35 The Making of Britain. Dr Kevin Sharpe assesses the reign of Charles I...

- Radio 4
On long wave VHF variations at end of Radio 4
5.55 An Shipping Forecast, 6.00 News Briefing, 6.10 Prudence Music selected by Michael Ford & Bob Farming, 6.50 Prayer (6.55 Weather Travel)

- 5.00 The Living World Magazine edition presented by Peter France
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news, 5.30 Shipping, 5.55 Weather, Travel, 6.00 Prudence Music selected by Michael Ford & Bob Farming, 6.50 Prayer (6.55 Weather Travel)

- Westbury with more of Carlo Rosen's theatrical transcriptions
7.30 The Bassists. One-act opera by Hans Werner Henze, sung in English...

- Radio 2
News on the hour until 1.00pm, then 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and hourly from 10.00. Headlines 8.30am, 7.30 Sports Desk 11.00am, 10.00pm Cricket Scoreboard 7.30pm...

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- 5.35 A dream in three dimensions. Richard Cork visits Monkton House and discusses the artist and critics who believe it should become national property...

- Chausson (Poeme for violin, orchestra with Kyurghis Churaev)
6.00 The Early Music Consort of London. Dufay (Gloria ad modum solis, and Meditationi sopra)

- play Les Vendredis, Book 1 (the work of many Russian composers)
5.55 The Russian composer's anthologies with Robin Holmes, Rosalind Sranke, Guy Holden...

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Cup holders aim for third successive win

Bath should tame inspired Wasps

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

In 1981 Peter Wheeler, then the captain of Leicester, showed his team the newspaper which confidently predicted his club's demise in the cup final against Gosport. Leicester then proceeded to win the cup for the third successive year. At Twickenham today, Derek Arnold may do much the same before Wasps contest their first John Player Special cup final against Bath, the holders. Bath are overwhelming favourites to win their third successive final. They have the form, the experience and the motivation. Wasps were not unduly impressive in their last two rounds against Nottingham and London Scottish. Injuries mean they are without three international backs as well as those promising forwards. Ellison and O'Leary. But it is no coincidence that Wasps have reached the final in the same season that they have acquired a coach from New Zealand. All Blacks, appropriately enough in view of the club's sombre strip, have had much to do with Wasps' rise to the top: Mark Taylor in the late 1970s and early 1980s and now Arnold.

Ring holds the key for Cardiff

By Gerald Davies

Anyone assessing the relative merits of Cardiff and Newport, who play in the Schweppe Welsh Cup final at the National Stadium, Cardiff, this afternoon, will find that the teams are as strong as each other on the limited platforms which they have constructed for themselves this season. Both have battle-hardened front row forwards, which gives them power in the scrum, they have ball-winning capacity in the lineout and each has an aggressive and energetic set of players in the back row. Their scrum halves are largely link-men who allow the stand-off halves to exert their influence on the style of play. All the predictions so far emphasize a tough, uncompromising contest between two powerful sets of forwards playing to the kicking tempo of Davies and Turner at half back. If it is to be so, then Cardiff must fervently hope that John Scott will have recovered from a strained hamstring. His absence from the back row would leave a gaping hole in an area in which, crucially, the match is likely to turn. He will make his decision this morning. Apart from the duel between Turner and Davies, Powell and Collins of Newport will compete with Golding and Roberts; Waters, though at No 8, will roam up and down to pursue the threat of Norster in the line-out. And in the front row the hookers, Watkins and Phillips, the captains of the two teams, might want to believe that there is a score or two that they have to settle. Their rivalry, so it would appear, has not always been of the healthy kind. It needs to be today. The break for Cardiff could well come from the stylish and incisive Mark Ring in the centre. He has returned this last month to the team and has played competently and confidently, though not always with the easy dash that he showed before his agonizing knee injury last year. The last time the two teams met in the final was in 1977 when Newport won 16-15. It will be no surprise if it is just as close today.

Johnson finds his rhythm

By Sydney Friskin

Joe Johnson, of Bradford, who has found diversions from snooker by singing with a pop group called Made In Japan, made a clearance break of 110 at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, on his way to an 11-3 lead over Mike Hallett in the second round of the Embassy world championship. The break, in the thirteenth frame, put Johnson into a 9-4 lead in the scheduled 25-frame match. He had started the day 5-3 up and soon consolidated his position, adding to the century with breaks of 60, 73 and 85 to go 11-4 ahead. Hallett won the sixteenth frame after a struggle. Jimmy White and John Parrott were tied at 4-4 after the first period of their second-round match. It was a strange encounter in which neither player had complete control. The referee in charge of the second round match between Steve Davis and Doug Mountjoy appealed to a section of the crowd to refrain from comment while play was in progress. But nothing could stop Davis taking an 8-4 lead after starting the day at 4-4. In the second frame Mountjoy was leading 58-1 only for Davis to clear the table with a break of 67. Alex Higgins recovered after conceding 10 points from his first two strokes to take a 3-1 lead over Terry Griffiths, including several delicate shots. Cliff Thorburn said after his 10-5 victory over Bill Werbeniuk on Thursday night that his concentration was in a bad state, but he bopped it would improve. RESULTS: Thorburn's first round: C Thorburn (Can) 10-5 W Werbeniuk (Can) 10-8. Frame scores (Thorburn first) 81-64, 103-3, 16-79, 39-65, 71-58, 83-42, 22-74, 90-8, 93-17, 82-24, 84-38, 89-17, 10-85, 88-0, 87-60.



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and that Redman will give them a line-out advantage. Rumour out of Bath suggests that heavy bruising to Barnes's toe may limit his ability to kick goals. We must wait and see the truth of that, but Palmer and Trick are adequate deputies. Halliday will be in sign-off for the season with a flourish and I think his club will win; I hope they do so with a flourish too. BATH: C Martin, D Trick, J Palmer (captain), S Halliday, A Swift, S Barnes, R Hill, G Chilcott, G Davis, M Lee, J Hall, M Morrison, N Redman, R Spurrell, P Spurrill. Replacements: B Travassos, P Cue, G Stanley, C Lilly, G Bess, D Egozter. WASPS: N Stringer, S Smith, R Cardus (captain), R Felton, M Bailey, G Lewis, P Hogg, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rigby, C Pinnegar, J Bonner, D Pegler, M Ross, P Roper, J Harrison, K Tizzard, P Balcornbe, J Samuail, A Ischell, J Ellison. Referee: F A Howard (Liverpool). Several players from today's game are due to appear tomorrow in a match at Sunbury when a London Irish invitational side takes on an international selection to raise funds for the family of Richard Cross who died in January after breaking his neck playing for a London Irish junior side.

Prichard shows his class

By Ivo Tennant

FENNERS' Match abandoned as a draw. It was as well for Cambridge that the weather forecast was accurate. Teetering on 25 for five in hopeless pursuit of 349 to win, they were spared by thunder and lashing rain soon after tea as much as by their opponents' need of batting practice. Essex extended their second innings until lunchtime, by which time they had an unassailable lead. Hardie did not reappear, owing to a bruised hand so Pringle partnered Prichard and an enjoyable partnership ensued, as they put on 98 in 95 minutes. As anyone who has seen him bat will know, Prichard has a rosy future. He scored a stack of runs in Australian club cricket in the winter and yesterday made his 77 runs with shots all round the wicket. Their options limited, Cambridge got off to another poor start. Lever again accounted for the opener, again taken in the slips. Lea, who took a century off Essex in this fixture two years ago, does not now get fully to the pitch of the ball. Essex's first innings 288 for 4 dec. (A R Border 80). Second innings: A W Lilly c Pugh b Scott 3, B R Harrell not out 25, P J Prichard c sub b Gorman 77, M E Edsall c Brown b Davidson 68, M J Berridge b Davidson 58. Extras (b 8, lb 2, w 2) 19. Total (6 wkts dec) 571. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-188, 3-181, 12-4-84-1; Ellison 8-1-8-0; Gorman 11-2.

TENNIS Weather beaten

From Richard Evans Monte Carlo

The sliding roof, which has saved this rain-drenched Monte Carlo Open from being waterlogged over the last few days, suddenly slid back in the middle of Stefan Edberg's much interrupted match with Andreas Maurer yesterday and brought everything to a soggy halt. The problem was the wind. It blew against the sensitive, automatic control that guides the cantilevered rubber covering, exposing players and spectators alike to the steady downpour that turned the normally resplendent Monte Carlo Country Club into an aqua park. Edberg, having lost the first set 6-0 on Thursday night, was leading 4-2 in the second but 10 minutes resumption yesterday was all they were allowed, during which time the Swedish No 2 seed edged forward to 5-3. Edberg had just taken the second set 6-4 when the rain disappeared. More tennis, page 38.

GOLF Garrido disqualified for half-inch 'theft'

From Mitchell Plans, Madrid

Antonio Garrido, the former European Ryder Cup golfer, was disqualified from the Cepsa Madrid Open here yesterday after being accused by Paul Way, the PGA champion, of breaking the rules by incorrectly marking his ball on the greens. Garrido, aged 42, who was born and bred in Madrid, left the course in tears with his wife, Alicia. He said: "I will never play golf again. I have played golf all over the world as a professional for 20 years and nobody has ever accused me of cheating. I don't mind shooting 90 or 100. I don't cheat." Way, however, was adamant with his claim. "I felt it my duty to tell Antonio he was at fault and I called the referee over on our last green. Antonio marked his ball incorrectly on at least five occasions. I asked Gordon Brand Jr. who was in our group, and our caddies to watch. They agreed. When I told Antonio, he went berserk and I thought he was going to whack me." Garrido momentarily came close to losing his self-control on the last green. After a heated debate, Garrido, vigorously denying the accusation, lifted his putter in anger and shouted at Way: "No, no, no!" Garrido had taken 68 shots in his second round but Way refused to sign his card. John Paramor, the tournament director, then interviewed all concerned. Brand said: "This is not the sort of thing one does lightly. Paul, however, did the right thing and I support him." Paramor said: "Paul and Gordon told me identical stories. They both claimed, for instance, that Antonio marked and replaced his ball on the penultimate green, where he gained approximately half an inch for a 15-foot putt. He is in serious breach of Rule 20, for which he is disqualified." LEADING SCORES: Second round (GB unless stated); 138: H Clark, 70, 68, 128: J Hoggarty, 70, 69; G Brand Jr, 69, 70, 144: J O'Connell (Sp), 72, 68, 141: M Moreno (Sp), 70, 71; M Mosy, 68, 72; M McUlry (SA), 72, 69.



Key role: Half's renewed appetite will test Wasps' Rose at the back of the lineup

CRICKET: SEASON GETS UNDER WAY IN FAMILIAR STYLE

Willingness goes unrewarded

By Alan Gibson

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Gloucestershire. Both captains showed a willingness to push for a finish, but in the end the weather proved too great an obstacle to a satisfactory conclusion. Oxford, 106 for three overnight, batted until lunch and declared on 179 for nine. Thorne, who made 72, saved the follow-on with his second successive five to give further evidence of his undoubted ability. Gloucestershire then batted until tea, when they declared at 79 for four and set Oxford a winning target of 210 runs in two hours. Unfortunately, it rained again. With a slight let-up in the weather, the players braved the conditions once more only to be sent scampering for cover in the middle of the second over. For Gloucestershire, Stovold was well caught at slip when he had made 15 and Romaines was bowled by Dawson when on 38. Wright was out to a skier to mid-wicket and Lloyd to a splendid catch - Cope changing direction before diving to his left at the wicket. Oxford bowled Davidon is forced out. Brian Davison, Gloucestershire's 39-year-old Rhodesian-born batsman, has been forced to give up county cricket following a Home Office decision not to issue him with a British passport. David Graveney, the county captain, who had hoped to include Davison in his side to play Glamorgan said: "We were hoping the Home Secretary would give 'Davo' a passport in recognition of his long years of service to English cricket." Sussex will be without Imran Khan for their opening Britannia Assurance championship match of the season, against Lancashire at Hove today, in a game which provides the former Sussex open-

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One of the tragedies in South Africa is that the substantial advances in non-racial integration achieved by sport are now being impeded not by white but by black radical politicians. There are non-white elements who, provocatively, are looking for confrontation rather than peaceful consensus. Mark Plastics, the national marathon champion, who, ironically, was prevented by the anti-apartheid movement from competing in the London marathon on Sunday, was to have opened the recent South African Games, but he had to be replaced because of threats to burn down his house by fellow blacks. Reprisals against non-whites, who are willing to collaborate in integrated sport, by their own people, are distressingly commonplace. It was not true, for instance, that there was a total black boycott of the Games (indeed though they were). Hundreds of non-whites, from 12 year-old wrestlers to the first 10 men home in the 10,000 metres, participated. Two black-majority sports to withdraw were football, largely because of a recent split in the main professional league, and boxing. The boxers wanted to take part but were threatened with reprisals. Yet boxing led the way to sporting integration with the first black v white

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